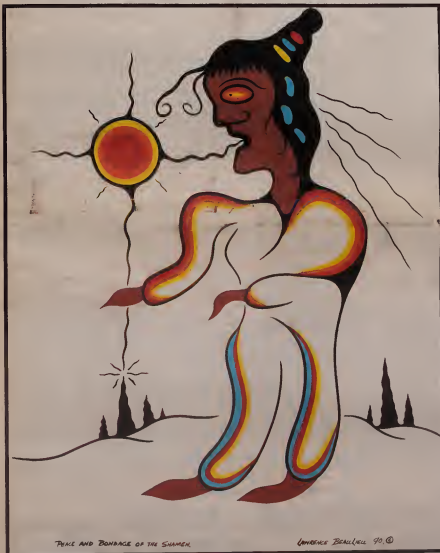




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Tension Mounts Over Kanesatake

by Deborah Shatz

Nearly a thousand armed police and Mohawks stare each other down in the aftermath of violence and dead-end negotiations in Oka, Quebec.

The confrontation is about a Mohawk land claim regarding 22 hectares of land that the town of Oka has slated for a golf course expansion. The Mohawks claim ownership of the land. They have to date tolerated the town's golf course though it surrounds a sacred Native burial group.

by Dave Moser

In an unprecedented act of unity, the First Nations of Canada have rallied support behind Elijah Harper and the demise of the Meech Lake Accord.

From east to west and far up north the leaders of the First Nations are loudly applauding the Cree MLA from Rupertsland, Manitoba for taking a stand against a constitutional accord which ignored the rights and recognition of the Aboriginal people.

As the Chiefs of Ontario conveyed

"We thank Elijah for having the strength and the confidence to remain true to the values and principles of our people during this crucial period, when the Canadian public was facing uncertainty in their future as a country. The affirmation of his convictions demonstrate clearly that, despite his involvement in a non-Indian government, his first obligation was to the protection of the original people of this land. He carried out his responsibility with extraordinary dignity and pride. It serves to show us that as individuals we can make a powerful contribution to the evolution of our Nations."

For ten days Elijah Harper delayed debate on the ratification of the Meech Lake Accord by the province of Manitoba. In this manner he, and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs who worked closely with him, effectively guaranteed the bill's failure to meet the federal government's June 23rd deadline.

Harper and the Aboriginal People of Canada believe that the Canadian Constitution should acknowledge a special place for Natives and that at future constitutional conferences Native leaders should have a say in the hearings.

In a desperate attempt to save the Accord, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney sent a high-level government group to present the government's case to Manitoba Native leaders.

The brief meeting resulted in a total rejection of the government's six proposals which included a "Canada clause" which would have recognized Natives as the founding race in Canada. If accepted, Harper was expected to stop the procedural blockage of the Accord in the Manitoba legislature.

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In March the Mohawks blockaded an access road on the Kanesatake reserve near Oka just 30 kms west of Montreal. The recent tension was precipitated by Quebec police action to dismantle the blockade.

Some Native leaders believe the harsh police action to be a reprisal to Natives for their rejection of the Meech Lake Accord.

In a show of support for the Mohawks of Kanesatake, their neighbours on the Kahnawake reserve have barricaded the Mercier bridge into a Montreal suburb.

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ELIJAH HARPER SPARKS NATIVE UNITY

One individual can make a difference.

The quiet "no" of Elijah Harper which blocked the passage of the Meech Accord for 10 days is ringing loud and clear in the hearts of Aboriginal people throughout the country.

"This is one of the few times in Canadian history that Aboriginal people have been taken seriously" declared the NDP member from Rupertsland, Manitoba.

Since the summer of 1987 Native groups have been blasting the federal government for disregarding their needs and rights. For three years their protests have fallen on deaf ears and the response has been "we'll deal with Native issues later."

Well, the time to recognize Aboriginal rights and concerns is *now* and this month the country is listening.

One individual can make a difference and Elijah Harper has made the difference in the bureaucratic mountain called Meech Lake. He used a network of advisors, inner strength, quiet resolve and an eagle feather for support to take a stand for Aboriginal rights and recognition.

One individual can make a difference and Elijah Harper has made the difference in Native unity, strength and collective power.

Leaders of the First Nations of Canada have come together to salute and support Elijah Harper for bringing down the Meech Lake Accord. They came together for the Chiefs' Summit '90 to discuss their common issues and plan a path towards meeting their collective needs.

And now they are coming together on the Kahnawake reserve to pressure the federal government into finally intervening in the struggles between the Quebec police and the Natives of Kanesatake.

The government of Canada must come to realize that the people of Kanesatake have a legitimate land claim which cannot be ignored or simply dismissed. Indeed, the people of the First Nations of Canada have legitimate grievances which must be addressed.

Wake up, Tom Siddon and address these issues, or step aside for someone who is better equipped to deal with the crisis at hand. To refer to the armed stand-off in Oka as an "unfortunate situation" epitomizes apathy and total lack of regard for the Aboriginal people of Canada.

Is a royal commission the answer. NO! Another commission would simply be an excuse not to do anything for a little while longer.

What is needed is action. Action for the Mohawks of the Kanesatake reserve and action for the First Nations of Canada.

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Sacred Artifacts Should Be Returned

Sacred religious artifacts belong with people who gain spiritual strength from their essence. They don't belong in museums.

A group of 25 elders from the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana travelled to Edmonton to protest the sale of their sacred artifacts to the Alberta Provincial Museum.

They were met with cold steel gray eyes and unmoving hearts. According to government officials the \$1.1 million purchase of artifacts from a Montana private museum owner is seen as a "repatriation of important Blackfoot Indian artifacts."

But when Blackfeet member George Kipp saw a sacred bundle belonging to his family he was moved to possess it. Police were called and the bundle was quickly retrieved.

But the emotions surrounding the issue escalated. "They are not) repatriating anything," Kipp sobbed. "They're expatriating."

Museum officials are now saying that the incident makes further negotiations very difficult. Hopefully they will view the incident in a different light and recognize how vitally important it is to the Blackfeet people to have their sacred artifacts returned.

Alberta Blackfoot members are pleading with officials to let the "spiritual entities go home."

Alberta Native News joins its voice with theirs in the plea to government officials to recognize the religious spirituality of these items and return them to their rightful owners.

First Nations Unite

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Phil Fontaine of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs rejected the proposal, saying it was still wrapped up in the Accord and that Natives would still have no recognition in the legislation.

"There's just no certainty," declared Fontaine, in the procedures presented by the government Clyde Wells, Premier of Newfoundland and a long-time critic of the Meech Lake Accord, said that Natives "have concerns that have to be addressed." Wells condemned the federal government and Brian Mulroney for "squeezing politicians and groups into "an impossible time frame by the approach of the federal government."

A couple of weeks later at the Chiefs' Summit '90 conference in Edmonton (see story Page 19)

Kanesatake

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The Mount Currie Band in British Columbia has blocked an access road to linking Lillooet and Pemberton in support of the Mohawks in Oka. Furthermore they are asserting their own land claim in the Mount Currie area north of Vancouver.

Other bands across the country are also considering blocking roads and bridges in sympathy with the Mohawks in Quebec.

More on OKA STANDOFF

See page 33

Elijah Harper summed up the feelings of the people of the First Nations of Canada, saying "We were the first inhabitants of this country, the first citizens, the first nations of this land... We are the distinct society in Canada."

VIEWPOINT

URGENT NEED FOR FEDS, MOHAWK NEGOTIATIONS

by Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak



The Lubicon Lake Indian Nation fully supports the heroic efforts of the Mohawks of Kanesatake to defend their lands against armed invasion. As is the case with aboriginal nations across the country, the Mohawks of Kanesatake have been given no choice but to exercise the internationally recognized right of self-defence.

Quebec Premier Bourassa, known for his creative manipulation of Canadian law to suit his own political purposes, is trying to portray himself as an upholder of the rule of law. Efforts to portray Premier Bourassa as an upholder of the rule of law would be funny if one man hadn't already been killed and the lives of countless others needlessly endangered.

Premier Bourassa is claiming that the heavily armed invaders of Kanesatake were merely enforcing the rule of law by upholding a Canadian court injunction ordering the Mohawks to dismantle a road blockade. The Lubicon people know all about Canadian politicians like Premier Bourassa and injunctions granted by Canadian courts preventing aboriginal people from protecting vital aboriginal interests. Neither are truly concerned with law breaking nor enforcing the rule of law. What's really involved, in this case like so many others across the country, is the exercise of brute political power and force of arms to steal unceded aboriginal lands and resources.

Moreover, irrespective of the motives of Canadian politicians like Premier Bourassa, the Canadian courts have no more right to issue orders to dismantle a blockade on unceded aboriginal land than the US courts would have to order the Canadian Government to dismantle Canadian border crossing check points along the Canadian-US border. The issue is one of political jurisdiction—or whose law applies—not one of law breaking or the rule of law. Such disputes over political jurisdiction are properly settled through negotiation, not force of arms disguised as upholding the rule of law.

SIDDON MUST DO HIS JOB OR BE REPLACED

Under the Canadian Constitution it is the exclusive responsibility of the Canadian Federal Government to resolve such jurisdictional disputes involving unceded aboriginal lands. At the moment this responsibility falls to current Federal Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon. Mr. Siddon, apparently unaware of his constitutional responsibilities, has publicly characterized the confrontation at Kanesatake as "a provincial police matter". Ignorance of this magnitude is startling even in a Federal Indian Affairs Minister.

The Lubicon Lake Nation therefore demands that Mr. Siddon be immediately replaced with someone who has some idea about the responsibilities he or she carries, that Provincial Storm Troopers be immediately withdrawn before there is additional loss of life, that all efforts to challenge Mohawk jurisdiction over unceded aboriginal lands at Kanesatake immediately cease, and that the Canadian Federal Government of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney immediately commence negotiations with the Mohawks of Kanesatake to resolve on an urgent basis the outstanding jurisdictional dispute between the Mohawks of Kanesatake and the Federal Government of Canada.

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perched on the other end, sort of looking at him.
Well, he was sure startled for a second.

Andy looked at the bird. The bird looked back at him.
Andy swears it winked at him.

When Andy made the bird scat, it kind of squawked
and flew up to the power line.

Andy looked up at the bird on the power line.

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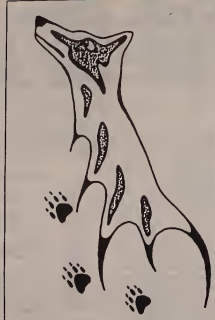
Dear Editor,

I really feel sorry for our children nowadays. We have given them so many rights like their own Help Line if they decide their parents are attempting to practice their parenting. We have abolished school discipline so their participation is now their own choice. We believe we were so hard done by as children that we give them everything we didn't have and more. Even learning is their own choice.

By the time they are nine years old, our children have come to the conclusion they are the bosses in the household. We have produced irresponsible, material minded under achievers. Children have their own ski-doo's, televisions, stereos and motorbikes by the time they're thirteen and their own cars by sixteen.

They've never had to do chores, they've never been punished for anything, they've been given anything they want, so of course they believe they've got it made. By thirteen they believe the world owes them a living and they don't have to do a thing to earn it and they don't have to work or even try. By sixteen they're drop-outs. By nineteen they're on the welfare line. These are our teachings; not just as parents but as part of a whole society that seems determined to remove the backbone of today's children. In giving so much power and rights to the children we have given away our power and responsibility.

I believe we should be practicing our leadership. We don't have to be masters, we can be the guides. Nobody would be feeling powerless around their children if they hadn't first given their own power away to their children. It is society's responsibility to be teaching, guiding, leading and giving these children direction. Teach them the pride of achievement. I believe



it is time to practice parenting as taught by elders of each culture, leaders of each church. There are laws of parenting in every culture and every bible in the world. Why have these been put aside for new books on parenting as written by Spock and all the rest of the people seemingly determined to help us produce spoiled, rotten, quitters?

Dear Sir,

I recently attended the R.C.M.P./Aboriginal Policing Conference "Sharing Common Ground". While there, I picked up a copy of your newspaper. I was very impressed with the paper and your underlying philosophy.

Therefore, I am including my check for \$25.00 for a one-year subscription. I look forward to learning more about what is happening in the Native community and to better understanding your beliefs and way of life.

In your ad, you mention sending anything we would like to see published. Therefore, I am sending you a copy of *Our Sacred Earth* by Chief Seattle. The introduction describes it as "the most beautiful and profound statement on the environment ever made". I believe that our environmental crises are basically spiritual crises and must be solved on the level of the Spirit. I believe the Indians have a great deal to give in this respect.

Believing this, my husband and I included this letter in with our Christmas cards last year, sending it to over one hundred of our friends and relatives.

I would like to help build bridges of understanding between the white and Native communities. I certainly look forward to receiving my year's subscription.

Yours sincerely,

Edith L. Miller

Editor's note - Thank you for sending us Chief Seattle's 1854 response. We have reprinted it in full on page 20 in our special section saluting the Leaders of the First Nations.

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NATIVES WANT FULL TAX EXEMPTIONS

by Deborah Shatz

The leaders of the Assembly of First Nations are threatening court action if denied a tax-exempt status from the proposed goods and services tax scheduled for January 1, 1991.

The present proposal of the Federal Finance Department would have Canada's 467,000 status Indians and 2,300 First Nations paying the tax on goods and services purchased anywhere besides on a reserve.

The tax would have waived if an off-reserve seller delivers the goods or services to a reserve.

Native leaders are asking that full exemption of the 7% G.S.T. be applied to Natives or "we will end up in court" says a top economic advisor to the Assembly of First Nations. The request is based on the vision outlined in the treaties that Aboriginal People remain free from all forms of taxation.

At present, the Indian Act stipulates that a retail sales tax is not applied to goods bought on Indian lands. However, the current federal sales tax is applied to goods at the manufacturer's level, and is thus built into the price of the goods regardless of where they are sold.

The extent of the exemptions will have wide-spread implications for Natives.

For example, electricity provided to an Indian Band will be exempt but legal fees purchased off-reserve for on-reserve business could be taxable. And retailers who deliver their goods could be exempt while those who don't may have to charge the 7% tax.

The situation will be more confusing in provinces who charge their own provincial retail tax. In Saskatchewan Natives are exempt from the provincial tax if they produce a band card.

Native leaders are hoping to meet with Michael Wilson, Finance Minister to discuss their concerns over the G.S.T. The Assembly of First Nations would like to see a full tax exemption on and off the reserves, because many status Indians do not live on reserves.

Officials with the Finance Department maintain that most status Natives will pay less tax with the G.S.T. than they are presently paying with the current manufacturers' tax built in to retail prices.



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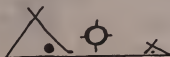
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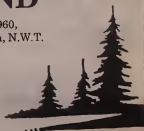
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the strength and courage to stand up
for Natives everywhere

VIEWPOINT

REDUCING NATURE TO NUMBERS AND MONEY

by Dale Stelter

If we are to believe a Canadian environmental advisor to Esso, it's not really so bad that more than 36,000 birds, and over 1,000 sea otters, died as a result of last year's Exxon Valdez oil spill (see "Environmental Digest").

According to an article in the Edmonton Journal, this advisor told an audience at an oil spills conference that those 36,000-plus birds represent only 4 per cent of the estimated total bird population of the area. And those more than 1,000 otters made up only three per cent of the otters living there.

That's certainly one way of trivializing the fact that tens of thousands of animals lost their lives needlessly, in one single industrial mishap. It has been said that statistics can be manipulated to say whatever you want them to, and this certainly is one of the most blatant examples of that.

Some things simply cannot be reduced to numbers, and swept away under the carpet. For example, another source indicates that by the time Exxon removed the last of its workers from the Alaskan beaches last September, 50 bald eagles had died as a result of the disaster.

However, the bald eagle, which is of great significance to Native people, is classified as endangered in many places, and Alaska is now the only place where the majestic bird remains in anything resembling its former numbers.

At the same time, the advisor to Esso told the conference that within five to ten years, someone visiting the oil spill area wouldn't even know that anything had happened.



Sure, maybe things will look "normal" on the surface, due to nature's remarkable recuperative powers. Just like forester's claim that a forest grows back after clear-cutting. Yet the forest, and the ecology of the areas are profoundly affected, in both the short-term and the long-term. Just as one less obvious example, how does one go about replacing the massive amounts of nutrients and minerals that leave the ecosystem as the trees are cut down and trucked away?

Yet the argument that the land "will grow back" is used time and time again by pro-development forces, and all too often, it is applied to the usage of Native lands. An obvious case in point involves the Lubicon. During one of the endless rounds of legal wrangling that the Lubicon have been involved in, the provincial government and the oil company lawyers argued that the court should not hear the case because—you guessed it—the damages to Lubicon land weren't irreparable. The trees would grow back.

Then they argued that even if the damages were irreparable, such damages could be compensated with money.

The arguments got rather wild and weird after that. The government and the oil company lawyers said that even if the damages were irreparable and couldn't be compensated for with money, too much was at stake for the provincial economy.

Then, as a coup de grace, they argued that the case shouldn't be heard because the Lubicon would never be able to pay the Province and the oil companies back for the money lost, in the interim, if the Lubicon were to later lose their main or aboriginal rights action.

Follow that? But there's more, and it gets pretty convoluted. The Alberta Court of Appeal later found that the Lubicon didn't need an emergency injunction to protect their traditional lands and way of life, because they could restore the wilderness with money damages if they were ever able to prove they owned the land.

Right—remove all of the roads, the seismic lines, the pumpjacks, and the batteries. And bring back all of the animals that have been driven out. And then go back to a traditional way of life.

In Canada, money talks loudest. For too long, no one has listened to Native people, nor to Mother Earth. That has to change.

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PROFILE OF ELIJAH HARPER

By Ryan Edwards

In the two-part National Film Board series dealing with the 1987 constitutional conference on Native rights, those talks were aptly described in the title of the series: the talks were just so much "Dancing Around the Table", as Canada's First Ministers styled aboriginal people in their attempts to have their rights entrenched in the Constitution.

Astonishingly, those First Ministers endorsed the Meech Lake Accord not long afterward, an agreement that left aboriginal people out in the cold.

In 1990, Elijah Harper, the lone Native in the Manitoba Legislature, turned the tables. Time and again, his soft-spoken "no" rang out across the country, effectively sinking the Accord.

Who is this shy and quiet man? And where did he come from?

The 41-year-old Harper, a Cree, was the first treaty Indian elected to the Manitoba legislature.

He represents, as a member of the NDP, the large, and mostly Native riding of Rupertsland.

He was born on the trapline, the second of thirteen children, and was raised by his grandparents, who followed the traditional teachings. At the age of eight, he was sent away to the missionary residential schools. He lasted eight long years at the schools, and after returning home for some time to trap, eventually enrolled at the University of Manitoba.



Elijah Harper, in the Manitoba Legislature, said "no" to the Meech Lake Accord and "yes" to Aboriginal rights and recognition

There, he forged some friendships that would last over the years. There was, for instance, Ovide Mercredi, now vice-chief of the Assembly of First Nations. There was Phil Fontaine, who is now the leader of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs. And there was Moses Okimaw, now a lawyer.

Along with other Native students, they formed an association to protect Native rights at the university, and took on anyone that stood in their way. For example, they forced an apology

from engineering students for a newspaper satire that contained pictures of drunken Indians.

In the years that followed Elijah continued to work for his people, culminating in his becoming chief of his band, the Red Sucker Lake Band. Then, in 1981, he was elected to the Manitoba legislature. He was re-elected in 1986, and served as Native Affairs Minister in then-premier Howard Pawley's cabinet.

The Pawley government fell in 1988, to Gary Filmon's Conservatives, but Elijah Harper again achieved prominence when he joined in on the demands for a provincial inquiry into the 1988 shooting death of his cousin, Native leader J.J. Harper.

It was in June of 1990, though, that the quiet man with the eagle feather rose to the stature of a national hero, with his one-man stand against the Meech Lake Accord.

And he could not be swayed in his determination, for his convictions were firm and they ran deep. Indeed, almost ten years before, he had been one of the Canadian chiefs who travelled to England to ask the Queen's assistance in ensuring that aboriginal peoples were treated fairly in the Canadian Constitution. As well, he turned down an invitation to attend the constitutional signing ceremony in 1986.

The story of the eagle feather that Elijah Harper held during his stand against Meech Lake is also an interesting one. It was recently related by Roy MacGregor, a columnist with the *Ottawa Citizen*. MacGregor, whose columns and articles have been strongly in support of Elijah Harper, is no new-comer to the arena of Native issues. He's the man who wrote the highly-acclaimed book "Chief", about Billy Diamond, the former Grand Chief of the Quebec Crees.

The story goes that Elijah's older brother, Saul, who is a trapper and who follows the traditional ways, felt that he was being told to go to a clearing near Red Sucker Lake. He went, and found the eagle feather. He gave it to another brother, Darryl, who promptly took it to Winnipeg to give to Elijah.

That feather, Elijah Harper says, helped give him the strength to stand up in the Manitoba legislature day after day.

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"Mr. Elijah Harper, MLA - NDP Manitoba Legislature

On behalf of the total tribal membership of the Roseau River Indian reserve of Ginew, Manitoba, we would like to commend you for your accomplishment in the Manitoba Legislature regarding the Meech Lake Accord.

The position that you advanced on behalf of all Treaty people required a great deal of courage, commitment and a firm understanding of our Treaty and Inherent rights as contained in the signed treaties entered into by our Forefathers with the British Crown. Mequetch, from the Chief and Council of Roseau River Tribal Council."

"PROGRESS AND INDEPENDENCE FOR THE QJIBWAYS"



Bravo Elijah!

Dear Alberta Native News:
Chief Bernard Ominayak of the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation sent this letter to Mr. Elijah Harper and Mr. Phil Fontaine in support of their actions in the Manitoba Legislature.

Brian Mulroney thought that he had all of the bases covered—all of the bases that mattered anyway. He hadn't dealt with aboriginal concerns, but he didn't think that aboriginal concerns mattered.

The aboriginal people of Manitoba are teaching Mr. Mulroney that aboriginal concerns can no longer be ignored with impunity. It's a lesson which isn't being lost on other Canadian politicians either, and, as a result Canadian politics will never again be the same. Aboriginal people everywhere will be forever in debt to the aboriginal people of Manitoba.

In the past week Elijah Harper and Phil Fontaine have become heroes to people across the country—and not just aboriginal people—for having the courage of your convictions and refusing to knuckle under to the goon tactics of the Mulroney Government. Many see you as the last best hope for Canadians to sit down and discuss—with honour, dignity and integrity—the serious problems facing the country. Moreover, there's now more real hope than has ever existed before for finally beginning to deal with the constitutional concerns of aboriginal people.

You are true Indian warriors and statesmen, and your aboriginal brothers and sisters couldn't be more proud of you and what you've managed to accomplish.

A couple of years ago Teddy Moses of the James Bay Cree concluded a speech with a quote from Winston Churchill. Mr. Churchill is not normally a man to whom colonized people would look for inspiration, but the quote suits the

"Many see you as the last best hope for Canadians to sit down and discuss—with honour, dignity and integrity—the serious problems facing the country."
—Chief Bernard Ominayak

ELIJAH HARPER—MLA FOR RUPERTSLAND

Elijah Harper was the Chief of the Red Sucker Lake Band from 1977 until his election in 1981. He was re-elected in the general elections of 1986 and 1988. Elijah is the first treaty Indian to be elected to the Manitoba Legislature.

Elijah served as Chairperson of the Working Group on Northern Hydro Development; Co-chairman of Native Affairs Committee of Cabinet and Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Northern Affairs between 1981 and 1986.

In April of 1986 he was appointed Minister without portfolio responsible for Native Affairs and was given additional responsibilities as Minister of Northern Affairs in 1987. He was the key member to all of the First Ministers Conferences on Aboriginal matters relating to the Canadian Constitution. He currently serves as NDP critic for Northern and Native Affairs.

Harper was active in the former Manitoba Indian Brotherhood working as a community Development Officer in Red Sucker Lake in 1972 and 1973. In 1974 he was a community development area supervisor based in Thompson.

Elijah also worked as an analyst for the Development of Northern Affairs from 1975 - 1977. (Special ARDA - Northern Development Agreement). He and his wife Elizabeth have four children.

circumstances and you might have occasion to use it. The quote is as follows:

"Never give in, never give in, never, never, never—never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense."

Your current courageous course is the only honourable and sensible one.

You have the full support of the Lubicon Lake people.

Sincerely (signed)

Bernard Ominayak, Chief
Lubicon Lake Indian Nation
cc: Canadian Aboriginal Leaders

Thank you, for what you have done for this generation and for the future generations of our people.

from The Council Members and the People of Cree Nation of Wemindji, Wemindji, Que.

Congratulations, you have shown us what one man can do when he believes in what is best for his people.

Respectfully yours,
Office of the Chief and Council
Ochapowace Indian Band No. 71
Whitewood, Sask.

Union of Nova Scotia Indians



TO ELIJAH HARPER AND THE CHIEFS OF MANITOBA ~

Words cannot express our gratitude for the courageous stand that you took on behalf of all of your people.

The strength and wisdom that you have shown will remain as an inspiring example to us all as we continue to fight for our legitimate rights as peoples of the First Nations.



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NATIVE ALLIANCE OF QUEBEC INC.

Thank you Elijah

History will honour you for what you have done for your brothers and sisters across Canada, and the dignity and strength with which you conducted yourself will remain in our hearts to encourage us in our future endeavours. You have our full support in the fight to preserve our Native heritage and our rights.

21, rue Brodeur St., Hull, Quebec J8Y 2P6

Proud to Have a Red Man Stand on Guard for Canada

Greetings from the Moose Factory James Bay Cree.

On behalf of the Moose Factory First Nation of Moose Factory, Ontario, it gives me great honour and pleasure to salute Elijah Harper.

First of all, Elijah Harper's stand against Meech Lake is representative of all aboriginal people, unheard nationalities and genders.

Secondly, Elijah Harper is a common man with a conscience who could not be party to the injustice the Meech Lake Accord represented. A perceptive man who silently heard the heartbeat of the Canadian people. As a Member of Legislative Assembly everytime he stood up and spoke he did it for the people of Canada. His name should go down in history that he did the only thing his conscience could allow. As an original Canadian he stood on guard for Canada.

Finally, Elijah Harper is a courageous man, who gave the people a right to stand up and speak. His actions came from the Canadian Constitution section 35 (1) which affirms and recognizes existing aboriginal rights. This section should have given the Native people of Canada the designation as a distinct society. With the death of Meech Lake there are no heroes here, but gives the Federal and Provincial Governments direction to include Native concerns in future discussions. No heroes exist in the slaying of Meech Lake but gives hope, strength and self-determination of all Native people of Canada.

The Prime Minister took a gamble and rolled the dice, not knowing there was Elijah Harper and Clyde Wells.

Elijah Harper, you are an honourable man, Moose Factory First Nation salutes the man with a conscience. We are proud to have a red man stand on guard for Canada.

I trust that the Federal and Provincial governments would consult the Native people in future talks for a united Canada. Goals and objectives of Native self-government of aboriginal people must be negotiated among Nation with Nation.

Thank you, Mr. Elijah Harper.

Respectfully submitted, Chief Fred Wapachee,
Moose Factory First Nation



WAHGOSHIG FIRST NATION
(ABITIBI 70)

P.O. Box 722, Matheson, Ontario, POK 1N0

An eagle feather to Elijah Harper:

The courage and determination you have shown
in supporting the rights of your brothers and sisters
will stay in our hearts to inspire us.

Thank you, Elijah



**LONG PLAIN
FIRST NATIONS
TRIBAL COUNCIL**

LONG PLAIN BAND No. 287 (35)
EDWIN P.O., EDWIN, MANITOBA R0H 0G0

Salute to Elijah Harper:

You have preserved a place for our children of tomorrow in
your display of courage and conviction... We are encouraged
by your actions and reinforce our commitment to reach the
ultimate objective...

From the Council of Long Plain and the membership, we
congratulate you and MEGWETCH.

"We were the first inhabitants of this country, the first citizens, the first nations of this land... We are the distinct society in Canada."—Elijah Harper, addressing the Chiefs Summit '90 conference in Edmonton



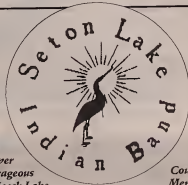
FROM THE COUNCIL OF LONG PLAIN:

Dear Elijah:

You have preserved a place for our children of tomorrow in your display of courage and conviction in blocking the Meech Lake Accord. As First Nations with distinct and fundamental rights, we must continue to follow the "Red Path" that leads towards the recognition and acceptance of these rights and press on to have them entrenched within the Canadian Constitution.

We are encouraged by your actions and reinforce our commitment to reach the ultimate objective and will never allow such things like the Meech Lake Accord to prevent us from our goal.

From the Council of Long Plain and the membership, we congratulate you and MEGWETCH.



A Salute to
Elijah Harper
for his courageous
stand on Meech Lake

from
the Chief,
Council, Staff and
Membership of the

Seton Lake Band

General Delivery, Shalalth, B.C. V0N 3C0

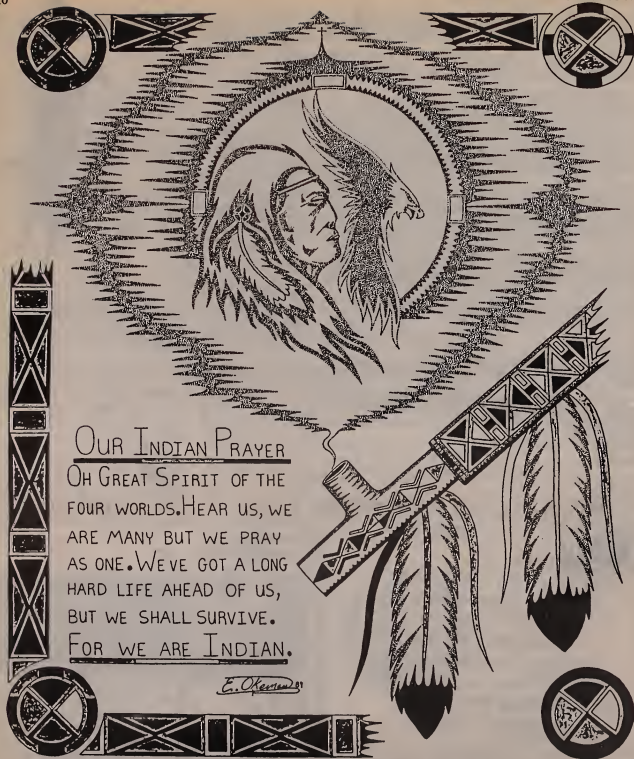


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**MOOSE FACTORY
FIRST NATION**

Box 190, Moose Factory,
Ontario P0L 1W0



OUR INDIAN PRAYER
 OH GREAT SPIRIT OF THE
 FOUR WORLDS. HEAR US, WE
 ARE MANY BUT WE PRAY
 AS ONE. WE'VE GOT A LONG
 HARD LIFE AHEAD OF US,
 BUT WE SHALL SURVIVE.
FOR WE ARE INDIAN.

E. Okemwa

Council of York Factory

YORK LANDING, MANITOBA R0B 2B0



Chief Eric Saunders and Council would like to express our deepest gratitude to MLA Elijah Harper, NDP-Rupertsland, for his courageous stand in our struggle for the betterment of lives of our aboriginal peoples now and for the future generations.

War Lake Indian Band

*Thank you for
 waking up Canada
 to recognize the
 Aboriginal People
 of Canada*



LEGISLATURE RALLY SUPPORTS ELIJAH HARPER

by Dale Stelter

Before the first speaker walked up to the microphone on the steps of the Legislature Buildings in Edmonton, the story was being told by the signs that people carried. "Beach Meech", one said. "First Nations are Distinct Nations", said another. "Brian, go jump in Meech Lake", were hunt words of advice for Canada's beleaguered prime minister. Another sign told the prime minister quite simply that "You gamble, you lose".

More than two hundred people had gathered for the rally at the legislature on June 22, a day before the deadline for the ratification of the Meech Lake Accord, to show their support for Manitoba Cree MLA Elijah Harper and his one-man stand against the accord.

Speakers at the rally included a wide range of Native leaders, and representatives of Native women, Native youth, and the opposition political parties. The rally was hosted by Percy Potts, Treaty 6 vice-president, and many of the speakers were introduced by Albert Crier of the Indian Association of Alberta. The IAA also circulated buttons emblazoned with Elijah Harper's words of "Thank you very Meech".

Potts told the crowd that Canada must recognize aboriginal people as "an original, distinct political society." His words were echoed by Peigan Chief Lawrence Boston who said that the Meech Lake deal is "An accord that does nothing for Canada's aboriginal people," who are now determined to "direct our own destiny."

Carl Quinn, chief of the Saddle Lake band delivered a message to the federal government, saying that "Indian people are not prepared to be second-class citizens anymore. We have been a forgotten people for too long."

Helen Gladue, of the Advisory Council of Treaty Women, called Elijah Harper "a true fighter for treaty and aboriginal rights", and said that "We as treaty women say that this fight has just begun."

As she was speaking, Premier Don Getty arrived at the legislature, and made his way up the steps of the building to a less than welcome greeting, which included some boos.

The next speakers, Jerry Doyle of the Alberta New Democrats, and Nick Taylor of the Alberta Liberals, conveyed the support of their respective parties for Elijah Harper, and for the struggle of aboriginal peoples to have their rights recognized.

Travis Dugas, speaking on behalf of Native youth, held a braid of sweetgrass and some eagle feathers aloft, saying "May the Spirit be with Elijah."

After noting the lack of speakers representing Alberta's Metis com-



munity, Albert Crier introduced Sam Sinclair, a former president of the Metis Association of Alberta.

"We as aboriginal people have to be strong as one voice," Sinclair said. "We've got to work together."

The Rally also featured representatives of, or messages from, many other bands from across the province, such as the Bigstone, Blood, Cold Lake, and Lubicon bands. Steve Noskey, a Lubicon councillor, told the crowd that Chief Bernard Ominayak had sent a letter of support to Elijah Harper (the letter is reprinted on Page 8).

Gamblers Indian Band

AN EAGLE FEATHER TO ELIJAH HARPER
- A modern day warrior and hero



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Buffalo Point First Nation

To Elijah Harper and the Assembly of
Manitoba Chiefs: We appreciate your
courageous stand on behalf of the
First Nations of Canada



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FORT FRANKLIN BAND

GENERAL DELIVERY,
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A Salute to Elijah Harper -
Thank you for renewing the pride and dignity
of your brothers and sisters across Canada

TOBACCO PLAINS INDIAN BAND

BOX 21, GRASMERE, B.C. V0B 1R0



We applaud Elijah Harper
and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs

SCOWLITZ INDIAN BAND

An eagle feather to Elijah Harper:
Thank you for
renewing the pride and dignity
of your brothers and sisters
across Canada



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Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory

An eagle feather to Elijah Harper:
A modern day warrior



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STARTLING STATISTICS

—AND PEOPLE WONDER WHY NATIVES DIDN'T SUPPORT MEECH LAKE

by Dale Stelter

The following statistics were published in the April 1990, issue of "Canadian Forum" magazine, by Georges Erasmus, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, and Pat Brascoupe, National Advisor at the AFN.

The statistics are a damning account of the situation of Natives in Canadian society today. The only consolation is that "Canadian Forum", which consistently takes a pro-Native stand, is a mainstream publication. Hopefully, these facts and figures will receive widespread distribution within, and consideration by, mainstream Canadians.

A sampling of the statistics includes:

- The Indian population of Canada is approximately 466,340, of which about 260,340 live on reserves.

- Native joblessness rates average nearly 70%.

- Out of a federal government workforce of nearly 600,000 people, aboriginal people constitute 7 of one per cent. No aboriginal women hold positions in the top salary range.

- Census data shows Native income to average about half - or 54% - of Canadian income.

- The people with the lowest average personal income are reserve Indians, at 50% of the Canadian average.

- It is estimated that 62% of on-reserve Indians, and 58% of those off-reserve, receive social assistance.

- Over the last five years, federal expenditures on Indian and Inuit programs have declined, in real dollars, by 11%.

- Yet the Indian population has increased by 33.7%.

- At approximately 30%, overcrowding in reserve homes is now 16 times the Canadian rate.



- Almost 40% of reserve homes have no central heating, compared to 5% of Canadian homes.

- At 17.2 deaths per 100 babies, the infant mortality rates for Indians are more than double the Canadian rates. Indian children are also four times more likely to be in the care of child welfare agencies.

- Functional illiteracy (less than a grade nine education) for First Nations people is 45%. That's 2.5 times the Canadian rate.

Maka Nagi (The Earth Spirit)

by Joseph A. Dandurand

*We see the beggar man.
Our eyes closed, we try to forget.
He sees our pain and forgives us.*

*We see the drunk Native woman,
Our step quickens, we know it will pass.
She understands our spirit and forgives us.*

*We see the blind man stumble,
Our hearts tell us to help.
He feels our excuses and forgives us.*

*We see the starving child die;
Our money buys us worthless items,
The child is gone and it forgives us.*

*We see the people who are ruled;
Our government tells us it is alright.
The people protest and die; they too forgive us.*

*We see the land and the water;
Our children know the destruction.
They try to clean up our mess,
Again out of love, they forgive us.*

*We see the animal spirits,
Some are gone, never to be seen again.
The eagle cries for those who cannot.
The raven laughs at us, he humbles.
The salmon swim in polluted rivers;
My people eat rotted fish,
My people die from booze,
My people try, they try to forgive.*



Cook's Ferry Band

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We applaud Elijah Harper and the
Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs,
Your courageous actions on behalf of your
brothers and sisters will continue to be
an inspiration to us all. Thank you.



SIoux VALLEY FIRST NATIONS

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A SALUTE TO OUR NEW INDIAN HERO
THANK YOU FOR STANDING UP FOR US AGAINST MEECH LAKE



MISSISSAUGAS
OF THE NEW CREDIT COUNCIL



A Salute to
Elijah Harper...
Thank you for
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pride and dignity
of your brothers
and sisters
across Canada

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**Split Lake
Cree
First Nation**

Split Lake, Manitoba R0B 1P0



**Elijah Harper - your courage
is a shining example to us all**

NEW HORIZONS



by Del Louis

THY WILL BE DONE...

Father of all creation...Lord of all
By whom Kings decree justice
By whom seasons change.

By Your mercy the robin is sheltered and fed
By Your gentle breeze the grass sways merrily in the meadow.
You have tended to my forefathers of ancient times
Your blessings are ten thousand fold ten thousand
The ways are simple.
You are the Love that fills the void of uncertainty
The mystery of miracles, when time and chance comes
together to unveil Your kingdom of heaven on earth.
We are grateful of mercy and the reassuring hand
of Providence which intervenes in times of weakness
The gentle reminder of the promise prods us on
Life's Good Road
Eternally as long as we live and breathe
Your will is made manifest by Faith, by Love, by Hope
to all who enter through the door of our hearts.
May the Creator grant you a clear sky and an open road!



TAHLTAN INDIAN BAND

Salute to Elijah Harper:

THANK YOU
from Chief
Ronnie Carlick
and Band
Members



Peters Indian Band

16650 Peters Road RR #2
Hope, B.C.



*Elijah Harper, we salute you, your name
should go down in history in honour of your
commitment to your brothers and sisters.*

OREGON JACK CREEK BAND

Box 940
Ashcroft, B.C.
V0K 1A0



Thank you Elijah, your brothers
and sisters applaud you!

PIKANGIKUM INDIAN BAND

Pikangikum, Ontario
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To Elijah Harper ~
We salute your inner strength,
commitment and resolve
in advancing Aboriginal Rights

Peguis Indian Band

Box 219, Hodgson,
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To Elijah Harper:
Thank you for your
outstanding example
of courage & leadership
for the First Nations of Canada



SERPENT RIVER INDIAN RESERVE

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*To Elijah Harper
and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs:
We appreciate your courageous stand
on behalf of the First Nations of Canada*

WHITEFISH RIVER INDIAN RESERVE

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A PLACE OF
VISIONS AND DREAMS

NORTHWEST ANGLE NO. 33 BAND

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*We salute your inner
strength, commitment
& resolve in
advancing
Aboriginal Rights
~ Bravo Elijah!*

JOHNNY DOES

by Harold Sigalet

After the sun dropped in a blaze of orange and scarlet behind the dark filigree of the pines, an enormous moon sauntered above the jagged tree-tops and transformed the forest into streams of silver.

In an opening by a cold mountain stream, the aged Native, Johnny Jack, decided to camp for the evening and have a good night's rest for him and his dogs. Johnny had shot a moose that day. He and his dogs were packing the meat back to where his friends lived and where he would smoke it over alder wood and share with his friends. When he had butchered the moose early that morning, he placed the heart on a stick pointing at the heavens as a gratuity to the animal spirits. This was a ritual Johnny never forgot to undertake.

After feeding his dogs, Johnny started a little fire and while cooking a moose steak encased in green willow sticks, he placed a large chunk of moose liver on his campfire. The meat sizzled and bubbled like morning porridge. The slow, curling smoke twisted the cooking odours upward into the star-filled heavens and disappeared amongst the ghostly, fluctuating bands of aurora borealis. To Johnny Jack, the mysterious ribbons of northern lights, fading from bright to dull and back to light as they pictured the steely, cold sky, were his ancestors and the spirits enjoying themselves in that unknown world beyond; a world about which he loved to comprehend but a world about which he loved to dream and fantasize. And when he meditated thusly, a peaceful serenity crept into his heart and massaged his soul. He could sense and feel the presence of some Higher Power.

Johnny was one of those sincere Natives who tenaciously clung to some of the beliefs of his



ancient ancestors. Unlike the cruel, inhospitable, northern winters, nature raised Johnny to be a kind person, thoughtful and considerate of others. For him, the placing of a piece of meat on the fire was an honest gift direct to the gods from his heart. It was his way of thanking the spirits not only for aiding him in finding a moose that day but also for providing all things on earth.

Johnny's philosophies were innate. He liked his own beliefs. They were meaningful to him. He just could not abandon his own world for any

white man's religion.

Once, an over-zealous but well-meaning preacher (one of those preachers who was convinced that God put him on earth especially to convert those whom he considered sinners) ordered Johnny, in the name of God, to give up his "savage" and "heathen" practices and attend church to be saved and become a good Christian. But the stubborn Johnny preferred to stick with his own ideas about the super-natural. With thoughtful and careful preparation, Johnny slowly replied, "I do not need a preacher. I do



KLUANE TRIBAL COUNCIL

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YUKON TERRITORIES



To Elijah Harper ~
We salute your inner strength,
commitment and resolve
in advancing Aboriginal Rights

Qualicum Indian Band

Congratulations Elijah,
your courage is an inspiration
to us all



Site 347, C-1 RR 33
Qualicum Beach, B.C. V0R 2T0

*A Salute to Elijah Harper, a modern day warrior,
a man with courage and strength,
and the determination to fight for what is right.
from*

CHIEF:
Ronald Gregory John

COUNCILLORS:
Herman Peters, John Peters
and Band Members

CHAWATHIL "HOPE" INDIAN BAND

P. O. BOX 1659, HOPE, B.C. V0X 1L0

Oromocto Indian Band

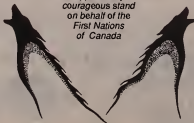
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Thank you, Elijah Harper for
having the strength and courage
to stand up for Natives everywhere

Chemainus Tribal Council

To Elijah Harper
and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs:
We appreciate your
courageous stand
on behalf of the
First Nations
of Canada



R.R. #1, LADYSMITH, B. C.

Whitefish Bay First Nations

General Delivery, Pawituk, Ontario
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To Elijah Harper and the Assembly of
Manitoba Chiefs: We appreciate your
courageous stand on behalf of the
First Nations of Canada

IT HIS WAY



not need a church. My church is inside me. I give my thanks and gifts not to preachers and churches but direct to my God. The God that I understand."

The kind, old Johnny was born with a heart of Yukon gold. But, unlike the metallic gold, his heart was altruistic. Without invitation, his altruism flowed as natural as a fresh mountain stream. On this trip he was hunting for meat for the winter; not for himself but so that his fellow men would not go hungry.

Sitting around the fire Johnny and his dogs

thought about things. And he talked to his dogs. And they listened. "As the white men moved into the north, their spirits moved in with them and gradually became more important than Indian spirits." The dogs perked their ears. They understood what he was saying. "The voices of my spirits are becoming very dim. Sometimes I can see them preparing the opening in the sky so that I can enter. Soon they will be calling for me. I am growing very old and the time is near when I will need to enter the world of the spirits."

Deep in thought, old Johnny gazed, as if hypnotized, at the fire for a long time. His dogs started dozing off. He decided he should talk to them a little more. He felt a strong urge to express some of his thoughts out loud. His dogs were good listeners. "Young Indians today have forgotten our ancient ways. Many no longer know how to live with the land and with the spirits any more. They have become soft. They depend on the Band office for hand outs. They have become selfish, thinking only of themselves. They are the me, me, me generation. Some are addicted to drugs and alcohol. Some are becoming worse drunkards than white men." He chuckled at his own sense of humour, a tickling humour common to a lot of Natives. Around the fire, doggy smiles joined him. The nearby stream tinkled applauding chuckles.

As the flames of his fire flickered low and billions of sparkling jewels replaced the dancing aurora borealis in the sky of coal, the old man and his dogs slipped into slumberland to dream of the unknown.

When the sun poked his shining head over the mountain top, burning away the morning mist amongst the spruce and pine trees, Johnny fitted the dogs with their pack sacks. After leaving a gift of tobacco by a tree for the spirits, Johnny strapped on his packboard and they were off on their slow journey homeward.

With an ample supply of meat for his friends, Johnny and his faithful dogs were in an exceptionally happy mood. And the world around them joined in their happiness.

He knew that the spirits were pleased with him. He knew it because he could sense a serenity deep within his infinite self. A serenity that only a Higher Power could grant him. And he was grateful to that Higher Power.

Carry the Kettle Indian Band

Sintaluta, Saskatchewan S0G 4N0

Congratulations Elijah Harper: Your outstanding example of determination and leadership for the First Nations of Canada, will continue to inspire courage in all our hearts.



The Pas Indian Band



An eagle feather to Elijah Harper: Thank you for renewing the pride and dignity of your brothers and sisters across Canada

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Shuswap Indian Band

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To Elijah Harper and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs: We appreciate your courageous stand on behalf of the First Nations of Canada

BIG TROUT LAKE FIRST NATION

Big Trout Lake, Ontario P0V 1G0

To Elijah Harper and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs: We appreciate your courageous stand on behalf of the First Nations of Canada



CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA COMPLEMENTS GAMES



A cultural extravaganza was held to complement the sports component of the North American Indigenous Games. And what a gala event it was! Highlights included the Moocheegun "Fun" Fest featuring performers



and craftsmen from across the continent, West Coast Haida War Canoe Races and cultural entertainment at a variety of shopping venues throughout the city of Edmonton.



**CREE NATION OF
WEMINDJI**

from

The Council Members and the People of Cree Nation of Wemindji

*Salute to
Elijah Harper*

*Thank you, for
what you have done
for this generation
and
for the future
generations
of our people...*

CREE NATION OF WEMINDJI, WEMINDJI, P.Q. J0M 1L0

MISS INDIAN WORLD



LoVina Louie has it all. She's intelligent, articulate, and beautiful. She's also Miss Indian World. Chosen from among 18 competitors, at the International Pow-Wow in Albuquerque, N.M., this 18-year-old beauty from the Colville Confederation of Tribes, wears her crown with charming grace and ease.

LoVina had just returned from a year in Australia as an international exchange student, when she was chosen Miss Indian World. Her comments about Australians are very informative. Most Australians, she said, think of North American Natives in terms of John Wayne movies. The Australians found her a great novelty, but she found that the

by Irene Gladstone

Aboriginals of Australia were treated as badly, if not worse than the Natives of North America. When LoVina actually got to meet the Aboriginal people of Australia she found that they had a great deal in common with the Natives of North America, both culturally and socially. She did, however, enjoy her stay in Australia, finding it an enriching and educating experience.

To be chosen Miss Indian World is an honour, but it's also a lot of responsibility. At 18 most people are still looking for role models, they are not expected to be one. It can be a mind blowing experience, but LoVina seems to be taking it all in her stride and enjoying it.

She has a hectic year ahead of her, but she's used to a busy life. In high school she was active in basketball and cross country running and also worked with the American Legion's Women's Auxiliary. Her hobby is traditional Native beading. After her reign is over LoVina will have to make a big decision, does she go into political science or social services? She's not sure, but she does know that she wants to be of service to her people.

As Miss Indian World she hopes to be able to encourage all young people to strive for their hopes and dreams, because a sense of accomplishment is very necessary for a fulfilling life. She would also like to remind young people that nothing can be accomplished without a clean mind and good spirit.

HERE'S WHAT'S
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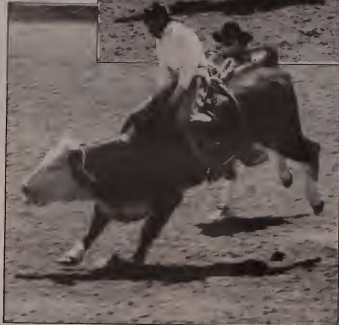
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NATIONAL CHIEFS OF CANADA SUMMIT

by Brian Savage

Over 300 Indian Chiefs from across Canada meeting at the Chiefs Summit '90 have dedicated themselves to fight the federal government for better treatment of Natives. Many believe that after the recent impact that Elijah Harper made with his stand against the Meech Lake Accord that public sentiment is with the aboriginal people.

Part of the attack on the federal government will be to focus international attention on the government's dealings with Natives.

Grand Chief Michael Mitchell of the Mohawk Council of Akwasasne in Ontario declared that after watching the Prime Minister meeting with Nelson Mandela, "You saw everybody from the Prime Minister on down say we cannot sit idly by and watch those things happen to those people (but) let the world know that we too are living under these kinds of conditions."

The sentiments of Chief Mitchell were echoed by many at the conference.

Huron Grand Chief Max Gros Louis stated, "We're going to go around the world and say to the world, 'Look what that Canadian government is doing to its first people.'"

Mitchell and other chiefs expressed concern over the frustration in dealing with the federal government and the possibility of violence occurring in the future if the government does not deal with aboriginal needs.

Phil Fontaine, head of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, said that the "preferred approach" with the government is through negotiations, however the "specter" of violence does exist.

Chief Gros Louis said that if the federal government fails to give Natives the autonomy they seek, then "Indian people are going to be fighting all the time like this."

Speakers at the Conference hosted by Chief Jerome Morin and the Enoch Cree Nation included NDP leader Audrey McLaughlin, who

called the Meech Lake Accord an "elite, exclusive" process which excluded Native concerns and that such a development "won't happen again" in further constitutional talks.

McLaughlin also met with Manitoba NDP MLA Elijah Harper who also addressed the Conference. Harper said Natives have finally made Canadians aware of issues they feel are important but feared a government backlash in Native funding cuts under the excuse of deficit reductions in the future.

To cut down the effect of such cuts and to take advantage of the public support for Natives after the failure of the Accord, Harper called for greater unity from Natives and Native leaders to help make sure that aboriginal rights are a part of future constitutional talks.

Harper would also like to see more Natives run for political office.

An example of how far apart Natives and the federal government are came with the speech by Minister of State for Indian Affairs, Shirley Martin.

During a 20-minute speech many delegates walked out of the room while many who stayed expressed disbelief over her statements that the federal government wants to work with Natives.

Martin said that the priority of the government is still to ensure Quebec's place in Canada but the Accord's failure "does not signal an end to the government's responsibilities to Aboriginal people or of our commitment to continue to work with you on non-constitutional issues."

Other topics outside the constitution include Native self-government and changes to the Indian Act.

Other topics looked at by the Chiefs include Bill C31; Indian taxation, especially with the GST which now includes Natives (it was resolved that the Senate be approached to pass an amendment on the GST Bill to exclude Natives from the tax); and the LRT Review which handles the lands, revenues and trusts of Natives.

"It does not speak well for our Federal Government to be ignoring the Chiefs of Canada... Had the Prime Minister consulted with us in good faith prior to Meech Lake and put in place an acceptable process to include Aboriginal Peoples into the constitutional process, he might have had our support on Meech Lake." —Chief Jerome Morin

Chief Jerome Morin condemned the Prime Minister and the Minister of Indian Affairs, Tom Siddon, for failing to attend the conference.

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Morin added that it was "obvious" the government was directing its representatives to stay away from the conference after Gary Wouters, the Alberta Regional Director General told Morin he would be unable to attend the conference.

The conference concluded with Native leaders calling on Prime Minister Brian Mulroney to keep his promise made during the Meech Lake Accord negotiations for a Royal Commission into conditions Natives face in Canada today.

Phil Fontaine, head of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, called the original offer by a cynical offer by the Prime Minister in a desperate bid to get Native backing for the Accord. A Commission should have at least 50 per cent Native representation, and should study Aboriginal self-determination, justice, health, and Native economies.

The summit was adjourned, not closed. A symbolic move and an acknowledgement of the new unity and power that the Chiefs feel. The conference will be reconvened in August in Winnipeg, in conjunction with a meeting of the provincial premiers in that prairie city.

Congratulations to Elijah Harper, a man with the courage to follow his convictions and fight for the rights of his brothers and sisters. We applaud you, Elijah!

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So, when the Great Chief in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land, he asks much of us. The Great Chief sends word he will reserve us a place so that we can live comfortably to ourselves. He will be our father and we will be his children. So we will consider your offer to buy our land. But it will not be easy. For this

land is sacred to us. The shining water that moves in the streams and rivers is not just water but the blood of our ancestors. If we sell you our land, you must remember that it is sacred, and you must teach your children that it is sacred and that each ghostly reflection in the clear water of the lakes tells of events and memories in the life of my people. The water's murmur is the voice of my father's father. The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst. The rivers carry our canoes, and feed our children.

If we sell you our land, you must remember, and teach your children, that the rivers are our brothers and yours, and you must henceforth give the rivers the kindness you would give any brother. We know that the white man does not understand our ways. One portion of land is the same to him as the next, for he is a stranger who comes in the night and takes from the land whatever he needs. The earth is not his brother, but his enemy, and when he has conquered it, he moves on. He leaves his father's graves behind, and he does not care. He kidnaps the

earth from his children, and he does not care. His father's grave, and his children's birthright are forgotten. He treats his Mother, the Earth, and his Brother, the Sky, as things to be bought, plundered, sold like sheep or bright beads. His appetite will devour the earth and leave behind only a desert. I do not know. Our ways are different from your ways.

The sight of your cities pains the eyes of the red man. But perhaps it is because the red man is a savage and does not understand. There is no quiet place in the white man's cities. No place to hear the unfurling of leaves in the spring, or the rustle of an insect's wings. But perhaps it is because I am a savage and do not understand. The clatter only seems to insult the ears. And what is there to life if a man cannot hear the lonely cry of the whippoorwill or the arguments of the frog around the pond at night? I am a red man and do not understand. The Indian prefers the soft sound of the wind darting over the face of a pond, and the smell of the wind itself, cleaned by a midday rain, or scented with the pine needle.

The air is precious to the red man, for all things share the same breath — the beast, the tree, the man, they all share the same breath. The white man does not seem to notice the air he breathes. Like a man dying for many days, he is numb to the stench. But if we sell you our land, you must remember that the air is precious to us, that the air shares its spirit with all the life it supports. The wind that gave our grandfather his first breath also receives his last sigh.

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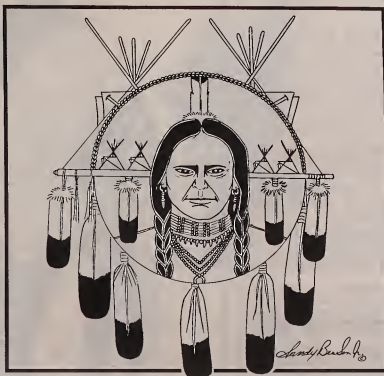
by Dale Stelter

A number of environmentally-oriented resolutions were passed at the recent Chiefs Summit '90. For example, a broadly-based motion, passed on Wednesday, July 4, moved "That Aboriginal people have an input on environmental issues as it affects Indian reserves, crown lands, and traditional territories in land, air, and water."

The motion further proposed that the federal government "provide adequate resources to rectify and clean up any environmental pollution problems", and that First Nations develop a suitable environmental review process, to be accepted by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

Another motion passed on the same day gave full support to the James Bay Cree, who are opposing further hydroelectric development on their lands. James Bay 1 has already flooded vast tracts of land, and the first portion of James Bay 2 would flood an additional 4,400 square kilometres.

Work on roads for that first portion of James Bay 2 is slated for next year, and construction



on the dam is scheduled to begin in 1993. There are 10,000 Cree Indians who would be affected by James Bay 1 and 2.

The motion stated that the governments of Quebec and Canada "are doing everything possible not to have an environmental impact assessment process for these hydro projects."

bage and raw sewage into the water, and the small fees that these companies pay go directly back to the provincial government.

Barry also said, in reference to the damage done by forestry operations, that "We have many dead zones in our area, which are caused by fibre loss."

For some time now, the Cree have been subjected to mercury contamination in fish as a result of James Bay 1. Although the Cree received financial compensation for flooding caused by James Bay 1, they say that the harm done to their health and way of life can never be compensated for, and are adamantly opposing any further development.

A third motion involved the Edmonton-based Mother Earth Healing Society and other interested support groups to co-ordinate a fair and equitable process involving aboriginal peoples in utilizing traditional value systems "to develop our involvement in our territorial land management."

The motion was put forth by Billy Two Rivers of Quebec and seconded by Lubicon Chief Bernard Omi-nayak.

The motion also stated that the federal government's "Green Plan" public consultation process "is not legitimate in its present form until the Aboriginal voice is heard." The "Green Plan" is the government's proposed action plan on the environment.

In giving support to the resolution, Robert Barry of British Columbia said that on the west coast, traditional Native lands have been closed down due to pollution. Large companies have permits to dump garbage and raw sewage into the water, and the small fees that these companies pay go directly back to the provincial government.

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PROFILE: RONALD SUNSHINE

by Guy Saady

Ronald Sunshine, chief of the Sturgeon Lake band, is a man of few words. When asked to comment on his "philosophy of life", he laughed, "Oh, I'm not that philosophical. I just try to do my job."

Chief Sunshine has been doing just that—and doing it well. Married with five children, the thirty-four year old Sunshine is about six months into his second term as chief.

His time as leader of the Sturgeon Lake band has not been uneventful. Among the band's recent accomplishments is the completion of a land settlement deal, agreed upon in January of this year.

Before the deal went through, "we were short changed by twenty-eight to thirty-two members", said Sunshine, referring to the size of the Sturgeon Lake band. This was rectified by the agreement—an agreement which gave the band 16,000 additional acres, as well as a \$6 million cash settlement.

Sunshine noted that plans for the newly acquired land have already begun to take shape. Recently, the band completed an agreement with Husky Oil, allowing the company to begin oil exploration activity.

Of the \$6 million received by the Sturgeon Lake band, \$3 million will be channeled into a trust fund. The fund is intended to promote new business ventures and provide equity for agricultural projects. Trust fund money will also be directed into educational and recreational programs for the band's members.

In spite of these recent accomplishments, Sunshine still has work to do. First on his list of priorities is the establishment of a membership list for the Sturgeon Lake band. Presently this does not exist, and the completion of the list would allow the band to assume full control of its own membership.

Aside from his duties as chief of the Sturgeon Lake band, Ronald Sunshine is also involved in the Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council. The council—representing nine bands from the Lesser Slave Lake area—is effectively a self-government organization, administering federal government programs to the member bands. The council has been in existence since 1979.

Currently, Chief Sunshine is the Vice-Chief of the council, having held the position of Grand Chief in 1989. His duties include representing the organization at meetings, as well as providing input for the creation of council policy.

Ronald Sunshine may indeed be a "man of few words". If, however, his track record is an indication, he is certainly a man of action.



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MAN WITH A VISION

by Irene Gladstone

Chief Oscar Lathlin of The Pas, Manitoba, is a man with a vision. He sees a distinct Native society, co-existing and co-operating within Canada. That vision became a lot more solid during the Chiefs' Summit in Edmonton. Thanks to the courage and leadership of Elijah Harper there is a real sense of unity among the Native peoples of Canada. That unity will help make Chief Lathlin's vision a reality.

Chief Lathlin wants a Canada that has four levels of government: Federal, Provincial, Municipal, and Native. He wants a strong territorial and economic base for his people. An economic base that would include taxes that would make the Natives independent in the administration of their own judicial, cultural and economic systems. But before this can happen, more Natives will have to follow Elijah Harper's footsteps, more young people will have to enter politics and those that are already elected will have to "vote with their hearts instead of blindly following the party line."

Lathlin has been asked by three major parties to be their candidate in provincial elections. He rejected them all, because as a Native he sees



no difference between them. He is, however, the first to admit that in order to see his vision become a reality, Natives will have to use the established political system for their own ends. This is why he encourages Native young people to go to university, to enter the political realm, and to establish a strong economic base. This is where the power is and until the Natives are recognized as a strong political and economic power, progress will continue to be slow. Natives, however, are used to slow progress. This is why Chief Lathlin doesn't fear a government backlash over Meech Lake. In his own words: "Big deal, we were going 10 km an hour, now we're going to go five." He doesn't discourage easily either. He says that when he's feeling down, all he does is think of where the Native movement was 20 years ago and where it is today and his optimism is revived.

Oscar Lathlin knows that there is no easy way out. A lot of work has been done, but there is a lot more to do. Progress is up to the Native; the white man can't do it, neither can Indian Affairs; it must start with the individual and spread out from there. Chief Lathlin eagerly awaits the day when the Natives of Canada stand together and say to the Federal Government, "Don't call us, we'll call you."

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white man can go to taste the wind that is sweetened by the meadow's flowers. So we will consider your offer to buy our land. If we decide to accept, I will make one condition:

The white man must treat the beasts of this land as his brothers. I am a savage and I do not understand any other way. What is man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone, man would die from a great loneliness of spirit. For whatever happens to the beasts, soon happens to man. All things are connected.

You must teach your children that the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of your grandfathers. So that they will respect the land, tell your children that the earth is rich with the lives of our kin. Teach your children what we have taught our children, that the earth is our mother. Whatsoever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. If men spit upon the ground, they spit upon themselves. I have seen a thousand buffaloes rotting on the prairie, left by the white man who shot them from a passing train. I am a savage and I do not understand how the



smoking iron horse can be more important than the buffalo that we kill only to stay alive. This we know: the earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth. This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. Man did not weave the web of life; he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself. Even the white man, whose God walks and talks with him as friend to friend, cannot be exempt from the common destiny. We may be brothers after all. We shall see.

One thing we know, which the white man may

one day discover - our God is the same God. You may think now that you own Him as you wish to own our land; but you cannot. He is the God of man, and His compassion is equal for the red man and the white. The earth is precious to Him, and to harm the earth is to heap contempt on its Creator. The whites too shall pass; perhaps sooner than all other tribes. Contaminate your bed, and you will one night suffocate in your own waste. But in your perishing you will shine brightly, fired by the strength of the God who brought you to this land and for some special purpose gave you domination over this land and over the red man. That destiny is a mystery to us, for we do not understand when the buffalo are all slaughtered, the horses are tamed, the secret corners of the forest heavy with the scent of many men, and the view of ripe hills blotted by talking wires. Where is the thicket? Gone. Where is the eagle? Gone.

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CHIEF ROBERT SMALLBOY'S BAND STILL LIVING TRADITIONAL LIFE AFTER 22 YEARS

by Heather Andrews

In 1968, Chief Robert Smallboy, a Cree from the Hobbema reserve in central Alberta, returned to the land with 130 of his Ermineskin band. Also known as Keskiyo, or Bob Tail Short Tail, the Chief brought national attention to Indian problems.

Today, more than twenty years later, the group is still there. According to Wayne Roan, a member of the original band, "There's about 150 now, going just as strong as ever."

Since becoming chief in 1959, Chief Smallboy had wished to return to living a traditional lifestyle. He found living conditions on the reserve often prompted hassles with band members, frequently caused by alcohol abuse and the lack of responsible behaviour which often accompanies use of mind-altering substances. Appalled by the lack of respect the youngsters had for their elders, and angered by the social and political conditions on his reserve, he led his people to a bush camp, eventually settling south of Edson in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains, some 150 kilometres south west of Edmonton.

At first they lived in tents, and the harsh Alberta winters persuaded a few to return to the warmth and security of the reserve. The remaining members, determined to stay, purchased only a minimum of necessities, such as flour and rolled oats. The rest of their food was hunted using bows and arrows, gathered and prepared in the old ways. Berries were picked and dried,



water was hauled from the creek. Some of the people had to learn to live off the land again as they had lived on the reserve long enough to become involved in farming and other occupations, and had forgotten the traditional ways. But most enjoyed the return to the ways of their forefathers.

Although Roan eventually returned to work at the Ermineskin Treaty Research Office, he goes out as often as he can. "I knew Chief Smallboy well," he says, "I was his interpreter and we worked together setting it all up." He notes many people use the camp as a retreat, even though they cannot live there full time. "They want to keep their culture alive. And others come for healing in the traditional way, as the band has herbs and the old methods for curing ailments," he says.

Recently the camp has become incorporated as a non-profit society. "Our focus now includes environmental training," Roan explains. A training camp for youngsters 10 to 16 years old

begins July 22. "We had good response, having to turn away applicants when we reached the desired number of 16 kids," he says. They have had Indian people interested in their new program from as far away as Colorado.

The society is looking for funding independent of government, and hopes to pursue the environmental aspect further in the future. "After all, the Indian was the original environmentalist," Roan says. "Our old way of doing things was to respect Mother Earth, and we always take only what we need."

Today, few of the original elders remain. Chief Smallboy died on July 8, 1984 and he and several others lie beneath the evergreen trees nearby. A few modern conveniences have found their way into camp, and wooden houses have replaced the tents. But traditional ways are still being taught including the speaking of Cree, and old values are the standard. "We have two classrooms of students out there," Roan states, "and they follow their own curriculum, doing things the Indian way."

Many feel they can only be truly Indian when in their camp. Trips back to Hobbema, now an oil-rich settlement, are brief and rare. As soon as visits are over and business is completed, the people hurry back to the peaceful way of life to which they have now become accustomed.

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CHIEF RED CROW SERVED HIS PEOPLE WELL

by Heather Andrews



Chief Red Crow, a dare devil in battle, but a man of peace when leading his people to Treaty Seven. The chief passed away in 1900. Photo credit: Provincial Archives of Alberta, E. Brown Collection.

Chief Red Crow of the Blood Indians was only 40 years old when he was chosen chief of his people, but he had already been a leader for many years. He was already the recognized head of a group of young warriors who protected the camp on the southern Alberta plains, and

often led others on raids and revenge expeditions.

According to Curt Red Crow, himself a fourth generation descendent of the old chief, the original Red Crow was also somewhat of a rascal. "He was always ready to go out and capture horses," he says. "And he was a very prominent warrior, influential in battles."

Red Crow had been born into the Blood Indian band in 1830, near what today is Belly River, Alberta. As a member of the Blackfoot nation, the Bloods were respected as a leading tribe amongst the Indian people of the area. They had acquired horses from European new comers many years previously, and wandered over the plains, following the buffalo in the traditional way.



When Red Crow was a young man, he often participated in warfare, especially against the Cree Indians, who, at that time were enemies of the Bloods. Curt Red Crow says his family has long been aware of the ancient tensions between the two. "My dad often laughs at what Red Crow would think today, as we are often intermarried with Cree people now," he says. The problem at that time, however, was basic disagreements over land boundaries. "The bad feelings are pretty well healed today," the younger Red Crow says, assuringly.

One of the new chief's first responsibilities was to regroup his warriors, whose numbers had

been badly reduced because of smallpox. Enemy tribes had combined forces, knowing the Bloods weakened condition, and were hoping to gain territory. Chief Red Crow, however, was successful in the ensuing encounter.

With this battle behind him, Red Crow turned to his day to day work as chief. But the influence of alcohol was being felt amongst the Indians of the plains, and groups were fighting amongst themselves, splitting off from the main tribes, and selling all their possessions for the destructive liquor. When the police arrived a few years later, the Indians were in a sorry state, and the chief welcomed any help the newcomers could give them. Red Crow trusted the North West Mounted Police and co-operated with them to drive out the whisky traders.

The events leading up to the signing of Treaty Seven found Chief Red Crow in the middle of negotiations for a way of life to replace the lost traditional lifestyle of his people. "We are proud of our ancestor's part in attempting to get a good deal for the Blood Indians," says Curt Red Crow. When the treaty was finally signed in 1877, he had control of the largest reserve in Canada, a responsibility which he readily accepted. He then proceeded to learn how to farm and ranch, showing by example what he reluctantly admitted they must do. He settled into the white man's way of life, quietly and with dignity. The old chief urged the young people to pursue education. Moreover, he tried to help his people become self-sufficient, although accomplishing this goal was obviously years away, what with the government agents' power to withhold rations, and make decisions which would adversely affect the Indian people, and over which the Indians had no control.

When the old chief died in 1900 at the age of 70, he was buried within sight of the beautiful Rocky Mountains near Standoff, Alberta. Many of his descendants, including Curt Red Crow, live in the area, where they and the rest of the Blood tribe are proud of Chief Red Crow and the heritage he worked so hard to preserve for the Indian people.

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JOHN TOOTOOSIS: TIRELESS SASKATCHEWAN LEADER

by Heather Andrews

When John Tootosis was only 12 years old, his father made a difficult decision. John must go to the residential school, even though the other children who had attended the religious schools at Delmas and Duck Lake, Saskatchewan had returned as strangers.

Tootosis, who was the third of eleven children born to John Tootosis Senior and May Theresa Favel, was already showing signs of a remarkable memory and insatiable curiosity. The elder Tootosis recognized a stubbornness in his son which assured him that the boy would meet the challenge of residential school successfully.

John Tootosis went on to become one of Saskatchewan's most respected and admired Indian leaders. Born on the Poundmaker Reserve in west central Saskatchewan in 1899, young John became aware of the shocking conditions among his people, the illiteracy, the crime rate, broken families, and substance abuse that was a problem even then. He saw the destructive forces of the administrative and religious control the federal government had on the people.

With assimilation the goal of the Department of Indian Affairs, Native people everywhere were oppressed and troubled by changes over which they had no control.

When Tootosis returned from residential school, a young man of 17, he began to attend Elders in Council meetings with his father. Although he had forgotten his Cree during the long years away at school, he soon became adept at debating the various matters under discussion. Tootosis determined to educate himself further, and began to read everything he could, in both English and Cree.

When an opportunity came along to work for a farmer across the river from the Poundmaker Reserve, he volunteered. He proudly turned over his wages to his family, which is the Indian way



A respected and much-loved leader from Saskatchewan, John Tootosis worked his entire life for the betterment of Indian people everywhere.

(Photo credit: Saskatchewan Archives Board)

for the young people to help the elders. Tootosis learned how to care for machinery and improved his English during his four years with Bill Porter.

When the people of the Poundmaker Reserve decided to elect a new chief, the first since Poundmaker's death in 1886, much to the young man's honour, he was elected. As he was only 20

years old, he could not accept, according to the English agent Macdonald. But he enjoyed telling the story, and in years to come, as he travelled far from the reserve, remembered the incident and recited it frequently.

As the 1920s came, frustration at government on the reserve was increased as Tootosis attempted farming. The outdated permit system allowed the sale of calves only at certain times, usually past their prime. The Indian agents often appeared to manipulate the giving or withholding of permits. Often the Indian who did not respond favourably to the agent was forced to sell off his stock and go to work for farmers outside the reserve, picking rocks or clearing land.

Young Tootosis saw these and other injustices among his people. Encouraged by the Indian people of Ontario who were making some progress in dealing with the government bureaucracy which dominated all Indian people, Tootosis attended a congress of the new League of Indians of Canada. The speaker was Fred Loft, a Mohawk leader. Among topics discussed were the dreaded permit system, the education of the children, Indian spirituality, and the lack of participation in decisions made in Ottawa which affected the Indian people.

This was the beginning of what became John Tootosis' lifelong quest: to improve the conditions of Indian people everywhere, and give them the voice they deserved in setting their own destinies and futures. Over the next four decades, Tootosis represented his people in delegations to Ottawa and confrontations with government officials. As well, he helped other provinces form associations.

John Tootosis married Louisa Angus from the nearby Thunderchild Reserve in 1929. They raised 10 sons and two daughters, with Louisa often alone at the helm during John's long absences from home.

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CHIEF CROWFOOT LED EVENTFUL LIFE

by Heather Andrews

Chief Crowfoot, known as a peaceful and wise leader, was also a brave man. Once he killed a grizzly bear, armed only with a lance, while his whole camp looked on in awe and terror. And while still a teenager, he stalked and raided an enemy camp during a battle, and for the deed was given an ancestor's name "Crow Indian's Big Foot", later shortened to Crowfoot.

Although he was known as a Blackfoot Chief, he was actually born a Blood Indian in 1830 in the southern part of what eventually became known as Alberta, but was raised by the Blackfoot. He was life long friends with Red Crow, the leading Blood chief. When Red Crow was late arriving for the signing of Treaty Seven in 1877, Crowfoot held up negotiations for three days until his friend and supporter arrived.

Crowfoot established peaceful relations with the Cree Indians to the north. He befriended Poundmaker, a Cree, eventually adopting him as his own son, as several of his own children had died.

He was scarcely 35 years old when he became chief of the Big Pipes band. A few years later, he became one of the head chiefs of the Blackfoot Tribe. Crowfoot could see the changes that were taking place as the buffalo vanished and white settlers moved in. Soon the people would be forced to farm, never again to roam the prairies, hunting and camping in the vast fields of tall grasses.

Crowfoot recognized the good the Mounted Police did in maintaining justice and chasing out the harmful whisky traders. But he did not trust the white man in general. He told Lieutenant-Governor David Laird when negotiating Treaty Seven, "I hope you look upon the Blackfeet, Bloods and Sarcees as your children," and later he added, "The police have protected us as the feathers of the bird protect it during the frosts of winter."

Crowfoot again proved his farsightedness as hunger and despair descended upon the people in the years following the signing of the treaty. His distrust of the rulers in Ottawa had not been unfounded.

Disillusioned as he was, when the Riel Rebellion aroused his young warriors in 1885, he convinced them that joining was useless. He could see only bloodshed, not victory.

The respected old chief, sick during the last few years of his life, and mourning the loss of his children, his adopted son Poundmaker, and his traditional way of life, died at Blackfoot Crossing in 1890.



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Bush Lady

Alanis Obomsawin
Wawa Productions

Review by Ryan Edwards

In promoting an awareness of Canada's Native people, their culture, and the problems they face in living in a white-dominated world, Alanis Obomsawin has not restricted herself to one medium. She is an award-winning writer/director with the National Film Board of Canada, and has been a performing singer for thirty years.

Her efforts have certainly not gone unrecognized. Alanis, an Abenaki Indian from Quebec, received the Order of Canada in 1983.

And now she has released her latest record album, "Bush Lady", which contains not only her own compositions, but also ancient songs of the Abenaki people. For example, "Odana" was written by Louis Gill, a tribal elder who lived during the late 1800s. The song contains the message to "cherish your land and never leave it."

The title track is, in Alanis' own words on the album liner notes, dedicated to Native women "who live in despair in the skid rows of North America." It tells the story of Indian women who lost their status by marrying non-Natives or non-status Natives, and were ultimately left to live in discrimination and poverty with their children, "having no rights to go back home."

The album liner notes also give a brief history of the legislation and statutes governing the status of Native people, and show how discrimination against Indian women "has been legally

BUSH LADY



sanctioned" for a long time.

The music on the album is hauntingly stark and spare, and almost always underscored by the beat of the drum which Alanis herself plays. Her crystal clear, soaring voice is also accom-

As she says,
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why I sing."

panied by classical instruments such as the flute, cello, violin and oboe. Alanis moves easily between languages on the album, for as she says, "I make songs in Indian, in English and in French. It all depends on how it's speaking to me."

It has not been an easy road for Alanis Obomsawin in bringing out the messages of her people for others to hear. When she was nine years old, her family moved from the Abenaki Reserve to Trois-Rivières. There, the cultural barriers she and her family faced were large and daunting. As she writes, "We were the only Indian family there." She remembers being frequently beaten up by her classmates, and being called a "sauvagesse" by her teacher.

Yet her perseverance and determination, and her dedication to the causes of her people, have never let her down. Her internationally-acclaimed films have been shown as far away as Australia, and, as a singer, Alanis has taken her messages on tours across Canada, and to the United States and Europe.

As she says, "My purpose is to preserve and maintain the history and culture of Native people. That's why I sing."

"Bush Lady" is also available on cassette. Both the album and cassette are available through Wawa Productions, P.O. Box 1616, Station H, Montreal, Quebec H3G 2N5. In Edmonton, the record and cassette are available at "Sam the Record Man" (West Edmonton Mall), "Common Woman Books", and the Provincial Museum of Alberta.

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BOOK REVIEW

Wolverine Myths and Visions

Edited by Patrick Moore and Angela Wheelock
The University of Alberta Press; 259 pages. \$24.95

Review by Brian Savage

A book that is scholarly in approach and style, *Wolverine Myths and Visions* has a special significance as it records the oral tales of the mysterious figure of the Wolverine and its impact on the Dene Tha' (or Dene Dhaa as they are called in the book) Band in northern Alberta, as well as the sayings of the prophet Nogha who lived in the first half of this century.

The oral tales have been captured by the Dene Wodih Society for preservation and study by linguists such as Moore and writer Woodcock. The authors have put together an informative introduction to the Dene Dhaa world and the symbolic meaning of the oral traditions that featured the Wolf and the Wolverine and the historical prophecies by Nogha, the greatest of a number of prophets the Dene revered.

The messages and warnings that prophets like Nogha passed on seem remarkably accurate and many accounts by the priests suggest a mean-spiritedness and distrust on their part for people like Nogha who felt the opposite:

"The earth is large, but we pray for the whole earth. When we go into the Tea Dance Circle, then we pray, just like the priest offers communion. The prophets talk about the future and then come to God's land. This message is not just for this one place, but for the whole world. I hope it will help you all."

Nogha died in the 1930s, leaving behind grave warnings for his people if they forgot the old ways and listened to the corruption that the white man represented.

The Wolverine stories represent the ancient past, of a mythic time when

people and animals interacted with each other on many different levels.

The Wolverine represented many things, a "trickster" figure sometimes bordering on evil but other times just the opposite, a healer, almost a saviour.

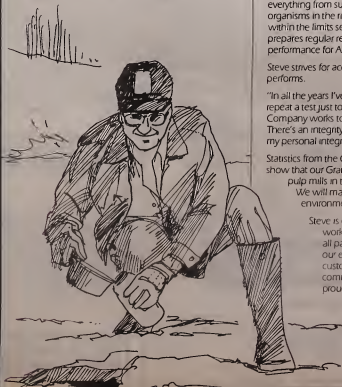
The stories are ancient and show a way of life and thinking that has passed away for most, but in some isolated areas are still recorded and passed on by the storytellers.

An added value is that there is a bilingual text in the book as each tale or song is presented in English and Dene Dhaa.

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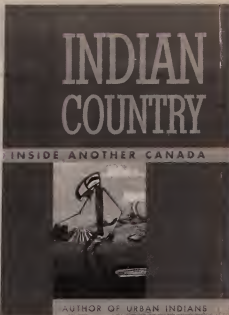
Review by Ryan Edwards

Across Canada, Native people have understandably become wary of journalists, writers, and researchers who arrive in their community, put together a quick story or article, and then leave. "Hit and run" writing, it's called. Too often, the writers come in with a preconceived notion of the story or article they will end up

with, or arrive looking for sensationalism.

For this reason, Larry Krotz travelled across the country, spending prolonged lengths of time on a number of reserves, staying as a guest in people's homes, and often returning to the reserves. The result is *Indian Country*, in which Krotz takes a look at five Native communities he visited, five communities that span the width of Canada: Norway House (Manitoba), Kahnawake (Quebec), Cape Mudge (British Columbia), Tobique (New Brunswick), and Onigaming (Ontario).

The book also includes interviews with Georges Erasmus, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Thomas Berger, who headed the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry in the 1970s, Lloyd Barber, who spent eight years as the federal government's commissioner on Indian Land Claims, and Keith Penner, who, before the Mulroney government came to power, chaired



the federal government insists on trying to develop policies and programs that can blanket all Native people.

Krotz also shows how differences can exist within one reserve or community. For example, he describes the conflicts that exist on the Kahnawake reserve, between those who recognize the traditional system of Indian government, and those who recognize the chief and council who are elected by the system imposed by the Canadian government.

At the same time, Krotz makes some rather dubious assertions that often branch into subjectivity, such as "In most Native communities, politics is bread and butter, all good and all ill come from it, it is the only game in town. There is virtually nothing that happens in the life and the economy of an Indian reserve that is not governed by politics."

Such statements can betray the good points of the book. For Krotz gives the reader an insight into the specific injustices suffered by each of the communities, and you hear it in the words of the members and leaders of the communities. From those same people, you hear the proposed solutions, the plans, and the hopes for the future.

Krotz ends the book on an optimistic note, basically saying that after withstanding massive pressure to be assimilated into the mainstream society and culture, Natives in Canada are now making substantial progress in striving for self-determination and cultural recognition. As he says, "what is most important is to recognize that the push for self-government and local control and local independence will not subside."

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a Special Committee on Indian Self-Government.

These people address issues such as constitutional recognition for Natives, self-government, land claims, and the role—and often dubious performance—of the federal government, especially the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

One of the points which Krotz stresses time and again throughout the book is that, contrary to widespread public perception and stereotyping, Indian people in Canada are not all the same. Indeed, vast differences exist between, for example, the Micmac of Nova Scotia and the Haida of the Queen Charlotte Islands. However,

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Book Review

A CAPTIVATING FIRST NOVEL

Medicine River
by Thomas King
Viking; 261 pages.

The quote on the jacket cover says that "First novels aren't supposed to be written with such skill." And that sums this well-written and highly readable book up very well. From the first page, Thomas King captures your attention and leads you through a series of gentle and laid-back—and often humorous— anecdotes and vignettes, set in a fictitious southern Alberta town near a Blackfoot Reserve.

King himself is of Cherokee, Greek, and German descent. He was born in California, but is currently a professor of Native studies at Lethbridge, a position he has held for ten years.

The central character in the book is Will, who has returned to Medicine River and set up a photography studio, after a sojourn in Toronto. The next most obvious character is Harlen Bigbear who, during every waking minute, is coming up with ways to influence and direct—that is, meddle in—anybody's and everybody's lives.

In fact, it was Harlen who originally told Will that he should move back from Toronto (Will briefly returned to Medicine River for his mother's funeral). And, as is the case in a surprisingly large number of instances, Harlen's idea came to be.

A number of other characters weave in and out of the narrative, taking part in various scenarios: the all-Native basketball team (which Harlen coaches); Louise Heavyman, Will's girlfriend (who Will first took out on Harlen's suggestion); David Plume, who was at Wounded Knee; Lionel James, an elder who belongs to the Horn Society and who travels widely to talk about Native ways; and members of the Native Friendship Centre.

We are also taken into flashbacks of Will's childhood, and of the time he spent in Toronto before finally deciding to return home.

In general, King centers on the ongoing lives of his Native characters and the situations they become involved in, and does not focus upon the topic of the treatment of Natives by mainstream society. Indeed, he portrays Medicine River's

Native community as full of vitality, rather than as being victimized by oppression at the hands of whites.

Thomas King, who holds a doctorate degree, has a number of other literary projects in the works. He will also be moving to a position at the University of Minnesota, in American studies and American Indian studies.

King recently presented a reading from *Medicine River* at the annual meeting of the Writer's Guild of Alberta, and took part in a panel discussion on the issue of cultural appropriation, or whether non-Native writers ought to portray Native culture in their works.

In summary, *Medicine River* is a captivating look into the lives, minds, and hearts of Thomas King's varied cast of Native characters. Refreshingly, the book does not rely on an action-packed and torrid-paced plot to convey its messages. Instead, King relies upon the insights gained by his characters, and upon a narrative that flows as easily as a river.

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JOHN TOOTOOSIS Continued from

Over the years, Tootoosis held leadership positions with various organizations, and always it seemed he was working at odds with the government of the day. Sometimes other organizations were formed which actually worked against the goals and aims of the Indians, further slowing the progress of those wishing to improve the way of life of the people. But through all the setbacks, the tireless Cree continued to fight for the rights of Indian people. According to Barb Blyth, who is librarian at the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, "He was doing what he

loved the best, right up to the end. He gave a speech at the Saskatchewan Federated Indian College conference on a Thursday, and passed away on Saturday."

At 90 years of age, in 1989, Saskatchewan Native people mourned the loss of a leader and a friend. But the good he did for his people will linger on forever.

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Section Two

MOHAWK STANDOFF CONTINUES

by Brian Savage

The standoff between Mohawk warriors and the Quebec Provincial Police continues at Oka, Quebec.

Talks between the Mohawks and Quebec Minister for Indian Affairs, John Ciacia, aimed at resolving the crisis and removing the blockade of the Mercier Bridge south of Montreal, have run into problems.

Ellen Gabriel, spokesperson for the Mohawks, left the meeting angry and said there was a "potentially violent situation in Chateauguy" (the Montreal suburb cut off because of the Mohawk barricade).

Gabriel said talks centred too much on the Mercier Bridge and not enough on the real point, land ownership. As well, the question of amnesty for Mohawk warriors needs to be addressed, according to Gabriel.

According to a Mohawk Council statement an agreement to remove the bridge blockade was scuttled after police increased their numbers instead of reducing them.

On July 11, 31-year-old Cpl. Marcel Lemay was killed when 100 heavily armed QPP officers attacked the barricade first erected on March 11 by members of the Longhouse Society of the 1,000-strong Kanasesatake band. Mohawks in Oka believe the officer was shot by one of his colleagues.

It is believed that about 200 Mohawks are manning the barricades, supported by a smaller number of women and children.

The blockade of the access road was in response to the town council's decision to expand the town's exclusive golf course by buying the 10 hectares of land owned by a French industrialist but traditionally claimed by the Mohawks as their own.

The Quebec Minister of Public Security, Sam Elkas, threatened that police force would be used to dismantle the barricade.

Police action came after Oka Mayor Jean Ouellette requested enforcement of a court order demanding the barricade be withdrawn. Elkas was on vacation when the QPP finally moved in and denied any knowledge on the government's part of the police plan to attack the barricade. Also on vacation was the Federal Minister responsible for Indian Affairs, Tom Siddon.

The QPP assault included snipers, stun grenades and tear gas and it was the latter which finally forced the police to withdraw after the wind blew the gas back in their faces.

Mohawks on the Kahnawake reserve on the south shore of Montreal showed their support for their fellow Mohawks by blockading the Mercier Bridge, creating chaos for commuters travelling to and from the city.

Unlike the support of many of the townspeople of Oka for the Mohawks' stand, many whites in the affected Montreal suburbs taunted the Natives with racial threats and promises of violence if their blockade continues.

Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa said that the use of violence against police was unacceptable "under any pretext."

Mohawk spokesman Harvey Nicholas was quoted by Canadian Press as stating, "They (the police) can shoot us down like animals, but we can't shoot back. People are getting killed because boys want to run around and play golf."

"This is our land. We can't let them take it away. I would rather die here."

A day after the gun battle the Quebec Minister for Indian Affairs began a series of meetings with Mohawk leaders to ease the situation.

Police reinforcements brought their number to over 1,000 and began restricting movement into and out of Oka. This included preventing food and supplies from reaching the reserve, a tactic that Georges Erasmus, chief of the First Assembly of Nations condemned.

Speaking on CBC radio, Erasmus said that "violence is not the way to go," but called such police actions "provocative" and speculated there was a plot to starve the Mohawks then attack them after the media attention had let up.

Erasmus also said he was appalled by the statement of Tom Siddon, federal minister for Indian Affairs, that the Oka matter was a provincial one. Siddon and the federal government "should not carry on," declared Erasmus, because they clearly do not understand that matters pertaining to Natives such as land claims are federal jurisdiction, not provincial.

* Frustration over years of land claim negotiations is partly responsible for the current crisis, according to Georges Erasmus, Chief of the First Assembly of Nations.

Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski has promised a task force to investigate the situation in Oka if the Mohawks give up their barricade and guns, but warned the Natives that the land in question was not federally-owned land, and a matter for the province to clear up.

The disputed land has always been claimed by the Mohawks. In the 1700s the French Crown granted the land, then part of the Seigneurie of Lac-des-Deux-Montagnes, to the Sulpicians, an order of priests dedicated to building a mission for the Natives in the area.

A decision in 1912 said the land belonged to the religious order, but only as long as they acted on behalf of the Natives. In the meantime, the Order gave various parts of the land away to whites. In 1945 the government bought land in Oka for the Mohawks to live but this still has no official recognition as a reserve. A 1973 Supreme Court of Canada verdict that acknowledged the idea of aboriginal rights based on historic occupation of the land led to renewed Mohawk lawsuits to the federal government which were denied.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Alberta Native News:

The following is a letter sent by the Penticton Indian Band to Premier Robert Bourassa in support of the Mohawk Nation, Kanesatake People.

Mr. Premier, please be advised that the Penticton Indian Band fully supports the Kanesatake people's rightful and legitimate claim to a portion of their traditional lands known as "The Pines"; which has become the focus of the confrontation at Oka, Quebec.

Certainly you must agree that the Kanesatake's legitimate claim to this area, which includes a sacred burial ground, should take precedence over a municipal politician's self-serving aspirations to increase the municipal golf course by nine holes and build condominiums on the site.

Recently, you informed Canada that Quebec would not abandon its quest for self-determination. In your speech to the national assembly on June 22, 1990, you said, "English Canada must understand very clearly that no matter what is said or done, Quebec is today, and always will be, a distinct society capable of assuming its own destiny and its own development."

Surely, Mr. Premier, you must understand that we too, as aboriginal First Nations, have historically viewed ourselves, and shall continue to view ourselves, as distinct societies in our own right. Accordingly, we demand constitutional recognition of our aboriginal right to self-determination and acknowledgement of our aboriginal title to our traditional lands.

Needless to say, history clearly confirms the fact that it was our ancestors who offered a "welcoming hand" to the immigrant settlers of the two "so-called" founding nations of this country.

Mr. Premier, does your goal of achieving a constitutional right to "preserve and promote" your status as a distinct society within Canada include the execution of policies that shall result in the harsh political and military suppression of the rights of Aboriginal people in the province of Quebec? Should the government of Quebec choose to continue advancing these repressive policies; what do the James Bay Cree have to look forward to in relation to the continuing negotiations concerning the \$30 billion James Bay Hydro Project? Mr. Premier, would you be willing to negotiate with a government that sponsored armed attacks against your province?

We do not consider massive para-military attacks carried out by flak-jacketed police in full battle-dress or armed provocations in the night to be the hallmarks of a "distinct society that is capable of assuming its own destiny or its own development."

What has been achieved, to-date, by this debacle at Kanesatake (Oka) Quebec? So far the life of Corporal Marcel Lemay has been tragically and needlessly sacrificed. The current standoff threatens to ignite the long-smoldering frustrations and resentments of many First Nation's communities throughout Canada. In the event that the situation at Kanesatake is "allowed" to deteriorate, who shall be held accountable for the inevitable escalation of violence throughout the country?

Contrary to the narrow-minded views of your Minister of Public Security, Mr. Sam Elkas and the Minister of Indian Affairs, Mr. Tom Siddon, the situation at Oka, Quebec cannot be simply reduced to a "police matter". Clearly, the manner in which this situation is handled shall have far reaching implications and ramifications.



Mr. Premier, we urge you to personally intervene in this matter. We ask that you step forward and demonstrate your statesmanship by ordering your Minister of Public Security to immediately withdraw the massive buildup of Quebec Provincial Police forces from the Oka area to prevent any further needless bloodshed.

Media coverage has clearly revealed the fact that the residents of Oka, Quebec find the massive para-military presence of these police forces to be a severe imposition on their freedom to quietly pursue their lives. Quite simply, the residents of Oka, Quebec do not see the need for such a flagrant abuse of police power. In fact, the people of Kanesatake enjoy a wide-spread base of support from the residents of Oka, Quebec.

Further, we ask that you fully support the efforts of your Minister of Native Affairs, Mr. John Ciaccia in order that he may initiate substantive negotiations with the people of Kanesatake in order that their legitimate land rights may be properly protected in accordance with the historical agreements sponsored by King Louis XIV of France.

In closing, Mr. Premier, we ask that you personally direct your Ministers to negotiate in good faith in order that a peaceful and just settlement may be achieved in respect to claims of the Kanesatake people. History shall record your response.

Yours truly,

Stewart Phillip, Band Councillor
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And I am left helpless with nothing to do

For my time comes with my heart empty

I am touched by my ignorance

I have now to face my consequence

Which is the reality of my demise

Yet, I don't carry no guilty conscience

What does this mean to you?"

With the trees stand so tall

If you look closer at the tips

They are the mass of many bonnets/headresses of all

Of the gathering of chiefs

As the barks and trunks display years of wisdom

Into the silence of the night.

"My son, hear me while you cry

There is time yet for fulfillment

But first you must forgive yourself, if you try

You will find your peace by giving your words

To others who will stumble

Watch the birds for they have their purposes

They are part of the circle

... of life.

They offer life

Your time is precious to many

Your time to share yourself will be plenty

You may offer life ...

Those who will listen

Will learn of your trying times

And there you will be forgiven

And we will be there when you are done

Together we will stand like these trees

... as one

Find your dedication ...

As he stands erect with silence

The wind blows softly on his face

That soothes like a kiss from his kokhohm

For he has found his peace.

"I thank you from my heart

... dear Grand fathers

What time I may have will begin a new start

For I have my heart and words

To share with others

My past was my history

My present is my healing

And my future has been created by my past, present

And prepare for my destiny

For I will no longer fight

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DENE NATION CONDEMNS LAND LEASE

by Brian Savage

The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs for the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), Tom Butters, has announced his government is willing to lease land to the Department of National Defence (DND) is seeking for the construction of a \$20 million military air base near Yellowknife.

The air base would be part of the billion dollar North Warning System the DND wishes to establish.

However, the main point Butters stressed was that since the GNWT will be landlord over the property, the GNWT can effectively control how the DND uses the land and even take it back if certain clauses are breached.

The main consideration is that there be no low-level flights from the air base unless a national emergency is declared.

The DND has stated that planes from the air base would be primarily involved in high-altitude interceptions operating for a period of 30 days spread over a year.

The decision by the GNWT to allow the go-ahead for the air base construction was condemned by Dene Nation President Bill Erasmus, who called it "ludicrous" and a "pile of rubbish," to think the government would proceed with the agreement with its "vague references" regarding low-level flights and in their belief they could control the fate of the air base after Ottawa builds it.

"The Territorial government has taken the weakest possible position on the proposed air base," declared Erasmus. "The Cabinet has obviously caved in to federal pressure to build this air base. This government has absolutely no credibility left when dealing with aboriginal people and the environment."

The leader of the 12,000-strong Dene Nation expressed grave concern over the lack of public consultation, the details of the agreement and the final version of the Initial Environmental Evaluation.



Erasmus feels the impact of the air base on wildlife and people has not been addressed in a comprehensive manner, something that could have been avoided if the same procedure as used in northern Quebec for the air base at Kuujuaq had been used. There, an independent committee helped draw up the guidelines the DND must use to look at effects the air base may have on

the region.

"The negotiations over this air base will be an environmental Meech Lake," declared Erasmus.

Erasmus added that since the government can no longer be trusted to protect Native interests, the Dene Nation will now consider court action to halt what Erasmus termed "this unnecessary and wasteful project."

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FIRST NATIONS PETITION QUEEN

by Deborah Shatz

Leaders of the First Nations of Alberta presented Queen Elizabeth II with a petition outlining their concerns with Aboriginal rights and recognition in Canada.

The petition, which was presented to the Queen during her June 30 trip to Calgary, asks for her support in the Aboriginal struggle for self-government and self-determination.

The document was signed by the leaders of the seven Treaty 7 Nations and was presented by Chief Roy Whitney Jr. of the Sarcee Nation. Chief Whitney is also vice president of the Indian Association of Alberta. Although the Queen was unable to respond directly to the petition during her visit, Whitney is hopeful that a response will come now that she has left Canada.

Meanwhile the Queen, who generally steers clear of internal Canadian politics, broke precedent on Canada Day with a plea for unity among the people of Canada.

In addressing a crowd of 30,000 at a ceremony on Parliament Hill, she declared "Knowing Canadians as well as I do, I cannot believe that they will not be able, after a period of calm reflection, to find a way through present difficulties."

The 64-year-old monarch was referring to the June 23rd failure of the Meech Lake constitutional accord. The accord was an attempt to bring Quebec into the constitution of Canada, but excluded any mention of the rights and recognition of Canada's Aboriginal people.

The Queen's Canada Day address came at the end of a visit to the country which included four days in Alberta, where she told an audience, "I have followed events with anxiety and deep concern, and with prayers and hopes that those problems can be resolved."

Native leaders in Ottawa boycotted the Queen's visit to protest the exclusion of First Nations in the constitutional talks of Canada.



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DEDICATION OF CAIRN AT ST. ALBERT

by Barbara Smith

Friday, June 22, 1990, the sun was bright, the sky cloudless and the strong breeze welcome. Natives and whites mingled in respectful silence. All were awed by a simple cairn and what it represented.

Ninety-eight names, home towns and ages are inscribed on the four sides of the monument in a corner of what is now the St. Albert Cemetery. All those named were northern Natives. They were brought to the Charles Cammell Hospital between 1946 and 1966 because tuberculosis had ravaged their bodies.

To their relatives in the north these people effectively disappeared off the face of the earth. Next of kin in remote settlements or nomadic tribes could often not be notified of a death. Bodies certainly weren't shipped home.

The prevailing attitude was once a loved one had "gone south" it was unlikely they'd ever come back. Life in the northern regions continued on as best possible without the T.B. sufferer.

For those victims of the epidemic the "cure" was likely more frightening than the disease. Removed from their homes the Natives had to endure loneliness, homesickness and changes to virtually every aspect of their lives. Already physically ill, they now had to adapt to an alien routine of bed rest, hospital schedules, unknown foods and a language they didn't understand.

Under these adverse conditions small miracles began to occur. Friendships between the afflicted Natives and the white medical staff blossomed.

"We were like a family," said Elva Taylor, one of the four former Cammell Hospital employees who worked tirelessly to see the cairn erected. The graves of the 98 named on the monument

had fallen into complete disrepair by the time the land was annexed to St. Albert. City Clerk Fiona Daniel and landscape planner John Beedle helped to partially rectify the situation at that time. They also worked with the Cammell committee members (in addition to Taylor) these were Maxine LeClair, Donald McBride and Dr. Otto Schaefer) in arranging financing for the cairn.

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation and the Department of Health, Government of the North West Territories supplied the money to build the marker.

And so on this glorious June afternoon people

of many and varied backgrounds gathered for a common purpose, to be part of the dedication ceremony and show respect for a resting place that had been abandoned so long ago.

Visiting dignitaries were piped to the podium by a kilted piper and the cairn was flanked by Mounties in full red serge. Many from the adjacent Nechi/Poundmaker Institute attended. Marcella Gathier explained the elders at the Lodge were having a sweat and would be saying prayers for the Natives buried at the now suitably marked location.

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LAND CLAIMS DIGEST

Ontario Indian Council Signs Framework Agreement.

The United Indian Councils of the Mississauga and Chippewa Nations recently signed a self-government framework agreement with the federal government.

The framework agreement marks a new phase of negotiations which will lead to an agreement in principle on community self-government arrangements. The focus of the United Indian Councils' proposal is legislative change which will consolidate local control over land and resources and will increase economic development options.

The United Indian Councils of the Mississauga and Chippewa Nations is an unincorporated historic alliance (not a tribal council) of the five First Nations of the Mississauga Nations and the three First Nations of the Chippewa Tri-Council.

It comprises eight southern Ontario Bands: Alderville, Beausoleil, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog and Mississauga of New Credit.

New Lubicon Campaign Slated for Fall

The latest round of negotiations between the Lubicon Lake Nation and the province have failed to make any headway.

The Lubicons have requested a package including \$70 million to build a reserve and \$100 million to compensate for lost oil and gas revenues from Lubicon land.

The position of the province is that it has met its obligation to the Lubicons with a 246 square kilometer land deal for a reserve and should not be involved in any financial compensations package.

Chief Bernard Ominayak has indicated that the Lubicons will launch a new campaign in the fall to hasten their long-standing land claim settlement. The move could involve additional blockading of Norcen Energy and Petro Canada oil wells.

The band is willing to consider any sincere proposal by either level of government, he said.

Northern Land Claim Agreement Rejected

The \$500 million dollar land claim agreement etched out by the Dene and Metis of the Mackenzie Valley was recently rejected in assembly vote.

The Dene and Metis of the North voted to reject the agreement because it included a loss of aboriginal and treaty rights in exchange for the cash, land settlement. The move was prompted by two recent Supreme Court decisions which upheld treaty rights recognized under the 1982 constitution.

The Natives are calling for Ottawa to renegotiate the agreement which gives them surface title to 181,230 square kms of land.

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NATIVE COUNSELLING SERVICES STRONGER THAN EVER

by Brian Savage

Allen Benson, Director of Programs at Native Counselling Services (NCS), disputes the impression left by an Edmonton Journal article that the NCS may be folding.

In an interview Benson stated he was "feeling confident, we (NCS) have lots of support from the Native community and clear support from political organizations."

Benson conceded that after serious budget cutbacks in 1986 and 1989 a large deficit had built up, and closure of the service was an option that had been looked at, but "since then we took some cuts and made cuts on our own to get a hold of our finances."

Benson says the organization "tightened up" its budget and spending and "restructured finances and organization in terms of management."

The restructuring has made NCS a "leaner, meaner, machine" and, according to Benson, now gives a "fair dollar for delivery" service.

Programs eliminated or reduced included youth and probation services as well as layoffs of court workers.

"Because we're a Native organization, the government tends to believe that we're not as efficient and as productive, like they view many of the Native organizations," declared Benson.

Benson sees the upcoming Cawsey report on



Native justice as especially important for police in "improved commitments" with the Native community and better hiring practices. For the courts, the need will be to be more flexible in delivering court services to the Native community and this includes legal aid.

"Prevention and legal education are still the most important issues," says Benson, who feels that the greatest pressure on his organization will come from trying to meet government standards and "still be flexible and innovative to meet the needs of our true client, the Native community."

"We have to bridge the gap between the community needs and government demands."

Benson warns that if the government does not increase funding for groups like the NCS it will have failed to address the real underlying issues of what the NCS official feels the Cawsey report is looking at, the conditions of Natives in such areas as education, health, housing, and employment.

"There has to be an increase in money for services as opposed to decreases; if not, then it's a failure on the part of the government and an increase in terms of crime and social problems in the Native community," predicts Benson.

The financing for the NCS presently stands at \$5 million, most of that from the Alberta Solicitor-General Department.

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METIS WOMENS' COUNCIL OPENS NEW FACILITY

by Heather Andrews



Senior Herb Bell talks to young Patrick Hunt who was attending the recent Open House at the combined Native Seniors Drop In Centre and Housing Registry facility in north Edmonton.

"Over 70 guests attended our Open House," says Florence Hegedus, co-ordinator of the Housing Registry which operates out of a new facility just opened in north Edmonton. "We really had a house full," she laughs.

The new centre, which is larger than the old accommodation, also houses the Native Seniors Drop-In Centre. Many of the seniors were present for the opening. "We had lots for everyone to eat," Hegedus continues. "Moose meat, bannock, cheese, fruit punch, elk, raw veges, a good variety of everything," she says.

The improved facility, which is just off the Coliseum LRT Station, has several of the 20 or so regular seniors in attendance on any given day. Florence Giroux, the Seniors Outreach Co-ordinator, was pleased with the turn out, too. "The seniors came out early and helped arrange the house, and did lots of work for our special day," she says. "They donated food, and lots of

their time getting the craft room ready."

The facility is valued as a drop-in centre for the seniors. "They enjoy getting out, doing a few crafts, and some reminiscing," Giroux states. "And we make bannock and play cards, too," she adds.

"There were a lot of folks pretty well confined to their homes before we opened up in this end of town," Giroux comments. "They couldn't get out on their own, and they were pretty lonely before they started coming here," she adds.

Materials for crafts are desperately needed. "Wool, any cloth materials, fur, and sewing supplies are all in short supply," the co-ordinator laments. Volunteers to help instruct some crafts would be most welcome too.

An extra service of the centre is the outreach, which involves Giroux going to the homes of seniors who can't get out easily. "Maybe they just need a ride to the centre, or to do some shopping," she says, "Or if they're not feeling well, I try and stay awhile and visit," she adds.

The Housing Registry is invaluable too. According to Hegedus, "Many of the folks who call me are still raising families, and need better or bigger accommodation." Her job is hampered by a severe shortage of reasonable housing units in the city of Edmonton. She finds she can't always help people who call in from out of town, looking for suitable housing in anticipation of a move to the city. "I have to refer them to the Canadian Native Friendship Centre," she says.

A third staff member, Jackie Lemoine is administrator and bookkeeper for both programs, as well as being an active volunteer with the activities at the Centre itself.



The old facility, which had been open for about a year, was inadequate because of its small size. Further, zoning restrictions were incompatible with the centre as well. As many of the seniors live in the general vicinity, however, the new facility is in the same area.

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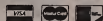
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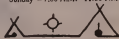
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by Dale Stelter

The Beluga Whale

When fully grown, beluga whales normally reach a length of four to six meters, and attain a creamy white coloration. By contrast, young belugas are brown to bluish-gray in color. In Canada, the range of the beluga is limited to northern waters, and to a relatively small area in the St. Lawrence seaway.

At present, only the St. Lawrence herd, and another herd inhabiting Ungava Bay, are classified as endangered. Another group, which is referred to as the Eastmain herd and ranges along the far eastern portion of Hudson Bay, is classified as threatened. So far, special status has not been given to a herd living in Cumberland Sound, although that group is now estimated to number less than 400 individuals.

The St. Lawrence herd is a relic from the Ice Age, and has survived in that location due to the influence of the extremely cold counter-current which flows up the Laurentian Channel from the Atlantic Ocean, and then surfaces near the mouth of the Saguenay River. Although it is estimated that at one time this herd of belugas contained about 5,000 animals, only about 550 whales remain today.

Initially, over-hunting—especially by the early sailors and fishermen—led to a dramatic decline in the population of the St. Lawrence belugas. However, the herd's numbers have not rebounded following the virtual cessation of hunting, but have instead remained more or less constant, raising the possibility that the population has fallen below the critical threshold needed to compensate for normal mortality rates.

In the same vein, commercial fishing has put a strain on the available food stocks, especially since other species, such as minke whales, feed upon some of the same fishes that the belugas do.

Habitat destruction has also been an important factor, especially because hydroelectric projects have destroyed critical summer habitat of the beluga. As well, the rampant pollution of the St. Lawrence River has taken a drastic toll, to where beluga corpses that wash ashore often have to be treated as toxic waste. Indeed, studies on some corpses have also shown abnormal types and quantities of tumours, ulcers, and lesions.

The Ungava Bay herd, the other group of belugas classified as endangered, has declined in number to where fewer than 100 whales have been sighted in the Bay since 1985. This herd was never a large one, having thought

to contain about 1,000 individuals in the 1800s, but over-exploitation through commercial fishing took a heavy toll.

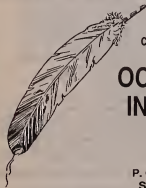
The threatened Eastmain herd of Hudson Bay once contained about 6,600 belugas, but that number has been reduced to about 1,100, with an additional group, of somewhere between 700 and 2,000 individuals, existing in James Bay. Hydroelectric projects have already been responsible for serious habitat destruction, and if plans for further development go ahead, most of the preferred calving sites of this herd will be destroyed.

The Cumberland Sound group of belugas held at least 5,000 whales as recently as the 1920s, but the demands of commercial fishing reduced the herd to about 800 by the 1960s. Although commercial fishing was terminated, the herd continues to decline in number, to where it is now thought that less than 400 individuals remain. As mentioned earlier, no formal protection status has been given to this group.

As some of these herds come under intense scrutiny and management, aboriginal people also bear the burden of white society's ecological shortsightedness. Although Natives hunted beluga whales for centuries, without negative effect upon the populations in existence, they now find "sustained yield" quotas placed upon them.

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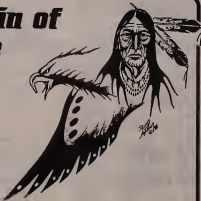


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ALBERTA-PACIFIC RELEASES NEW PROPOSAL P & G Will Wait Two Years Before Expanding

by Dale Stelter

Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries has unveiled its newest proposal regarding its \$1.3-billion pulp mill planned for the Athabasca area.

The proposal involves a new technology that would eliminate chlorine as a bleaching agent, and replace it with hydrogen peroxide and chlorine dioxide. As well, the pulp will also be subjected to a longer cooking stage. According to Al-Pac, these steps will substantially reduce the production of dioxins and furans.

Environment Minister Ralph Klein announced that Al-Pac's new proposal will undergo public review. The specific details of the review are yet to be announced, but it will be conducted by a three-person panel. The hearing will be held September 12, 13, and 14, in Athabasca.

Randy Lawrence of the Friends of the North environmental group was critical of Al-Pac's proposal, saying that the usage of chlorine dioxide would still result in the production of some organochlorines.

"The only way to avoid organochlorines is to avoid the kraft pulping process altogether," he said.

New Democrat environment critic John McInnis indicated that Mitsubishi, a major backer of the Al-Pac mill, had also once installed

anti-pollution technology in another pulp mill near Skookumchuck, B.C. Several years later the mill, which is operated by Crestbrook Forest Industries, was converted back to chlorine bleaching.

McInnis said that assurances must be given that this will not happen with Al-Pac's mill.

Randy Lawrence added that the Alberta government has not addressed many of the issues raised in the report of the review panel that studied Al-Pac's original proposal. For example, he said, the government has not looked at the issues of Native land claims, and the cumulative effects of pulp mill development on the Peace-Athabasca river system.

Many Native bands are opposed to Al-Pac's mill. For example, the Heart Lake Band, northeast of Lac La Biche, fears that the mill will pollute the Athabasca River, in which band members fish. The Bigstone Band, near Wabasca, says that harvesting operations may take place in areas which it claims treaty and land rights for hunting and fishing.

Meanwhile, Forestry Minister LeRoy Fjordbotten has announced that forestry companies, including Al-Pac, will have to submit their harvesting practices to public review. Once a

company is awarded a forest management agreement, the public will have to be involved in annual reviews of the harvesting plans.

However, John McInnis and Randy Lawrence both dismissed Fjordbotten's plan, saying that the public is let into the process only after the forest management agreement has been signed, and the ground rules negotiated.

"People want to be involved at a much earlier stage," McInnis said.

In related news, Procter and Gamble Cellulose has indicated that it will delay plans for expansion of its Grande Prairie pulp mill for at least two years. The company claims that it will need at least that much time to complete environmental studies involving the effects of the proposed expansion upon the Wapiti River.

A Procter and Gamble official also indicated that the company wants to know what environmental rules it would have to follow in obtaining approval of the expansion, given the uncertainty surrounding Al-Pac's proposed mill. Project manager John Clevenger told the Edmonton Journal that "There's no doubt that we would like to have a clear picture on what it would take to have a project approved."

At the same time, the world market for pulp is softening, which would give Procter and Gamble some incentive to delay its expansion.



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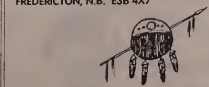
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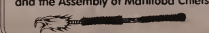


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ANOTHER LAWSUIT LAUNCHED AGAINST ALBERTA GOVERNMENT OVER DAISHOWA

by Dale Stelter

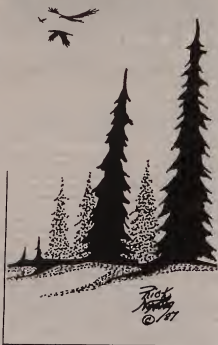
On June 26th, a coalition of Native and environmental groups held a press conference to announce commencement of legal actions against the Alberta government, regarding the pulp mill currently being built by Daishowa at Canad.

The coalition includes the Dene Nation, the Metis Association of the Northwest Territories, Edmonton Friends of the North, Friends of the Athabasca, the Friends of the Peace, and the Northern Light Society. The coalition wants to have the two licenses to operate, recently granted to Daishowa by the provincial government, set aside. The \$500 million bleached kraft mill is being built near Peace River.

As the Friends of the North environmental group stated in their news release, tests of fish downstream of existing bleached kraft mills in Alberta are already showing dangerously high levels of dioxin contamination.

Randy Lawrence, spokesperson for Friends of the North, said that once the Daishowa mill starts up, critical baseline data would be lost. It would be impossible to determine what chemicals the mill is adding to the Peace River, and to do proper water quality and fish studies.

The mill was not subjected to public hearings, nor to a federal environmental assessment and review process (EARP). Two lawsuits (one of which involves essentially the same parties launching the provincial action reported on here) have been filed against the federal government, in an attempt to get Ottawa to do an



EARP on the mill. Another provincial lawsuit, launched earlier against the Alberta government by other environmental groups and a

private citizen, involves the forest management agreement granted to Daishowa.

Bill Erasmus, president of the Dene Nation, said at the press conference that "Many of our people still rely on the land", especially for food. He stated that Treaties 8 and 11 do not explicitly cede water rights, and that aboriginal people can therefore claim those rights.

Erasmus also indicated that recent unanimous Supreme Court of Canada decisions are upholding aboriginal rights. He cited the Sparrow case in British Columbia, which ruled that aboriginal fishing rights take precedence over commercial and sport fishing, and the Sioui case, which upheld a 230-year-old treaty affecting the Huron Indians of Quebec.

"We have rights, and the Crown can't abrogate them" Erasmus said. "There are rules, and everyone has to know what they are".

Diana Lowe, lawyer for the coalition, said that the legal action will be based on the argument that in granting the operating licenses to Daishowa, the Alberta government did not comply with the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act. She said that if the licenses weren't granted properly, they could still be quashed.

Lowe also stated that the province did not complete studies into existing levels of pollution in the Peace-Athabasca River system, as called for by the federal-provincial review panel which studied the Alberta-Pacific pulp mill proposed for the Athabasca area.

As of yet, no specific dates have been set for hearings for the legal action.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DIGEST

by Dale Stelter



International Agreement Will Eliminate Some CFC's

According to an agreement reached at a recent international conference, a number of nations will phase out the usage of five types of chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's) by the year 2000. In what has been seen as an important step forward, China and India have, for the first time, agreed to join the move to eliminate chemicals that deplete the ozone layer.

The conference amended the 1987 Montreal Protocol, under which many industrialized countries agreed to reduce usage of ozone-damaging chemicals to one-half of 1986 levels, by 1998.

More on the Toll of the Valdez Oil Spill

More than 36,000 birds died as a result of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, which poured about 40 million litres of crude oil into Prince William Sound after running into a reef. As well, more than 1,000 sea otters died.

However, according to an article printed in the *Edmonton Journal*, a Canadian environmental advisor for Esso recently claimed—at an oil spills conference—that there is no evidence that the contamination from the spill had a significant effect upon the future well-being of the wildlife population of the area.

In the article, Ron Goodman also pointed out that the sea otters which were killed represent only three percent of the estimated total population of the otters in the area. As well, he indicated, the birds which perished represent only .4 percent of the estimated total bird population.

Glasnost Reveals Some Startling Statistics

In 1960, the estimated volume of the Aral Sea, located in the USSR, was 263 cubic miles. Today, the volume is estimated to be 93 cubic miles. As well, of the 24 original fish species found in the Aral Sea in 1960, none remain.

But What About North America's Water?

Although more than 20 million people obtain their drinking water from the Great Lakes, the lakes take in waste from 50% of Canadian industrial activity, and 20% of American industrial activity.

Approximately 1,000 different chemicals have been found in the Great Lakes, and 400 of these chemicals are known to be toxic.

Did You Know?

- On a daily basis, global consumption of crude oil is more than 60 million barrels.
- Approximately 80% of the world's CFC's are produced and consumed in the developed world.
- North Americans constitute 8% of the world's population, but produce 50% of the world's garbage.
- In Canada, packaging is a \$12-billion per year industry.
- In 1989, it was estimated that 70% of U.S. federal rangeland was over-grazed and in "poor to fair" condition.
- Rainforests now cover 7% of the earth's land mass. Originally, they covered at least twice that area.

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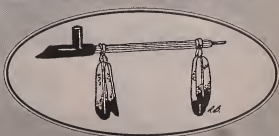
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WAPITI WONDER WAGON TRAVELS TO EDMONTON

by Dale Stelter

On Wednesday, June 6, the Wapiti Wonder Wagon, pulled along by a pair of Belgian horses, arrived at the Alberta Legislature Buildings in Edmonton. On board was a 200-litre barrel of water taken from the Wapiti



River, from a location downstream from Procter and Gamble's bleached kraft pulp mill near Grande Prairie.

In fact, the Wonder Wagon had just completed the more than two-week trip from that northern city. The arrival of the wagon had been preceded by posters encouraging Edmontonians to "Tell 'Em It's Time To Wake Up and Smell the Rivers."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Righting the Wrong: Lifetime Pension for Marshall

A \$1 million compensation settlement has now been ratified for Donald Marshall who spent 11 years in prison for a crime he did not commit.

The settlement includes a one-time payment of \$199,872, and a lifetime, indexed pension of \$1,875 per month.

Justice Evans of the Ontario Supreme Court reported that "There is no dollar figure which can replace lost years, lost opportunities or compensate for the injury sustained by the victim. I can only recommend an amount as solace which is fair and reasonable in the unusual circumstances of this tragic miscarriage of justice."

Donald Marshall, a Micmac, was 17-years-old when he went to jail. Additional monies are available for drug rehabilitation.

Needle Exchange Program starts in Edmonton

A two-year needle exchange program is slated for August in Edmonton as a means of combatting the spread of the deadly AIDS virus among intravenous drug users.

Under the \$220,000 program needles will be exchanged at three locations: the Boyle-McCauley Health Centre, the Boyle Street Co-op and the AIDS Network.

Similar programs are in operation in Calgary and Vancouver.

Native Inmates Want Religious Freedom

Native inmates from the Edmonton institution are calling for religious freedom to practice their Native spirituality.

Members of the Native Brotherhood met recently with the Alberta government task force on the justice system and Native people. The task force was told that Native spiritual and cultural programs should be written into corrections law. There was also a call for greater involvement and respect for elders throughout the justice system.

The Brotherhood maintains that at present Native religious practices are curtailed and their elders are unfairly treated.

The protesters, including Dave Ridgeway of the South Peace Environmental Association, hoped to give Premier Don Getty and Environment Minister Ralph Klein a first-hand look at polluted water from the Wapiti River. It has been estimated that, at times, effluents make up 10 per cent of Wapiti River water.

Analysis of Wapiti river effluent has shown it to contain a large number of chemicals, such as dioxins, furans, arsenic, mercury, chloroform, chlorobenzoic acid, palmitic acid, dicarboxylic acid, methyl ethyl phenol, tetrachlorophenol, and trichloroguaiacol, to name only some.

On one side of the hand-painted Wapiti Wonder Wagon were caricatures of Ralph Klein, as a fish in a bowl, and of Premier Don Getty, sitting on a fishbowl in a pose called "The Stinker". Caricatures of Forestry Minister LeRoy Fjordbotten and Athabasca MLA Mike Cardinal were on the other side. Cardinal is an ardent supporter of the \$1.3 billion pulp mill proposed for the Athabasca area.

The following Friday and Saturday, the satirical play "We're Not Dead Yet" played to audiences at the Orange Hall, located in the Old Strathcona district. Grande Prairie playwright Jim Nelson, Edmonton actor Glenn Nelson, musician Ross Campbell, and singer Tom Booth lampooned the Alberta government in a series of sketches and songs. The show had already played to several audiences in northern Alberta, including Grande Prairie.



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Steven Reid,
Grade 6,
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KIDS: this is your page. We welcome all letters, art-work and poetry. Thank you for your interest and your input.

—The Editor

Nobody

by Rusty Quinney, Grade 10, Frog Lake
A young boy walks through a crowd
Nobody says hello, nobody even looks
He's in a world of his own
Dark, damp and dirty
Nobody listens when he talks
Nobody laughs with him
They don't even smile
They just stare at him
Like he's an escape convict
People have nothing to do with him
He's all alone
He's nobody.



Clifford Cardinal,
Grade 6, Central Elementary, Lac La Biche

Feather of Hope

by Sean Waskahat,
May 31, 1990,

Frog Lake

Long before the sun sets
Before the shades of purple and blue
Leave me reaching for you
Upon the lonely sound of the country
I'll be with you and the memories
Living, crying, cherishing everyday
Lost among the shadows
Of those who fell astray
As I stand, holding up my dignity
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ALEXIS BAND MEMBER WINS CONTEST, MEETS THE QUEEN

by Deborah Shatz

An eight-year-old girl from the Alexis Band travelled to Calgary to meet the Queen of England as a winner in a province-wide school essay contest.

Veronica Kootenay, a Grade 3 student at the Alexis Elementary School wrote a letter to the Queen which won her an opportunity to meet with the monarch during her recent visit to Calgary. Veronica's award-winning letter appears below.

Veronica's teacher, Reuben Bauer, explained that his students were given a lesson on the Royal Family in Canada and were encouraged to write essays on the subject. Veronica's letter was chosen to enter in the Grade 1 to 4 category of the Alberta Education School Essay Contest. Her's was selected from 3700 essays entered in the contest.

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From the onset, this essay touched the hearts of all who read it. The author has written a personal letter to Her Majesty, inviting the Queen to know her, describing the role the Queen plays in the author's life, and capturing the significance of the monarchy to Native Canadians. The author has written of the historically significant act—the signing of treaties. With child-like honesty, Veronica looks to the monarchy as a symbol of hope and freedom to Native people.

Veronica was accompanied to Calgary by her parents Devona Kootenay and Jackie Bruno, her

THE ROYAL FAMILY IN CANADA

Your Majesty,

This is my special letter to you. I am a Native girl from the Alexis Elementary School at Glenview, Alberta. I am eight years old and in grade three. I like school and my school work, too. I also, like my teacher, Mr. Bauer. He helps me alot in school. He is good to me. I also like all the children in my country.

Your Majesty, I like the way you dress and look. You are pretty and your husband, the Prince is handsome. We also sing for you in the morning. We also sing "O Canada" and "God Save Our Queen". You are sweet and nice. I like your Royal Family and your grandchildren. I like your picture on our money. We also have a picture of you in our classroom. You look very nice with your crown on. Your picture reminds me of your great grand-mother, Queen Victoria.

Our Chief is Howard Mustus. He came to our spring concert wearing his special head-dress which is like a crown for our chief. I wrote a letter to him like this one and thanked him for coming. I also thank you for coming to visit our country and hope that I am lucky to meet you for real. You and your Royal Family mean much to our Native people and all the other Canadians in our country.

You are special to all of us, because your great grandmother signed a treaty for all the Indian people to give them hope and freedom. We are proud of this. Queen Victoria is the great white grandmother to all the Native people. We love her and also love you. Thank you for being so kind and nice.

Veronica Jane Kootenay

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NEW SADDLE LAKE PRINCESS CROWNED



by Deborah Shatz

Sixteen-year-old Anita Large was crowned senior princess at the Saddle Lake Princess Pageant held during the Annual Saddle Lake Pow Wow on June 22nd through to the 24th.

There were three age categories: Senior, Junior and Tiny Tots. Senior competitors were judged on dancing, participation in the pow wow grand entries and their answers to a number of questions—some oral and one in a written essay format.

Anita explained that the participants were required to dance in every grand entry that took

place during the three-day pow wow. During the grand entries, the Elders carried sacred eagle staffs and the dancers escorted the entourage along with the flags.

Anita enjoys Native dancing and has been doing so for over a year. She describes her favourite dance as "Fancy Dancing" because "you have more freedom to create new moves and move creatively with your feet."

As part of her pageant requirements, Anita wrote an essay describing "What Native Culture Means to Me." In her essay (which appears below) she expresses a desire to return to a more culturally traditional way of life in harmony with Mother Earth.

One of the questions she responded to orally was "What do you think of teen drugs and al-

cohol?" Anita believes that largely due to the positive influence of her mother, she has been able to separate herself from the drugs and alcohol scene which was all around her as she grew up. She said, "it hurts me to see my peers turn to drugs and alcohol and I feel very sorry to see them that way." "I wish I could help them", she added, "but I can't unless they want to help themselves." Anita wishes "they could know that you don't need to drink to have fun".

Given an opportunity to provide the Native youth of Alberta with a message, Anita said she would tell them two things. The first she stated is that "you don't need drugs and alcohol to be yourself." Secondly, Anita said, "I'd really support Native youth my age to get back into Native culture and take a good look at who you are."

WHAT DOES NATIVE CULTURE TODAY MEAN TO ME

Essay by Anita Large

In the early dawn, I see a light. A light that is a fresh new start to a brand new day. I'm a child to this light, a light that guides my path through the day. Behind me I leave invisible tracks, tracks to remind me of what I have done and accomplished, it is this that makes me thank the Great Grandfathers of who I am, Anita Large, a child of the people, our people.

Many years ago our forefathers set a way of life for us to follow, the red road. A life where we live in harmony with nature and not to take advantage of her. It was giving thanks for what mother earth gave us to survive on, this our ancestors believed in. We must respect—respect ourselves, respect others around us and most of all, respect the earth. For it is the ground we walk on that gives us the food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe, and is the most important gift of all life.

Today many of us strayed from our culture, we have forgotten how mother earth plays a huge role in our daily lives. The taking and taking, not giving back or not replacing what we have taken is destroying the beauty of our people. This cannot be ignored any longer; we must try together for the sake of keeping the beauty of our culture and our people alive. We must work as one in replenishing the mother earth, for we are the children. So let's you and me, put our hands together and work together to live in harmony with nature as our ancestors have done and shown to us.



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BOOK REVIEW

Winners

by Mary-Ellen Collura
Published by Western Producers Prairie Books
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; C 1989, 129 pages.

Reviewed by Irene Gladstone

Winners is a winner. It's an extraordinary book about an all too ordinary occurrence in our society, the raising of Native children in non-Native foster homes and the resulting loss of social and cultural identity. The situation is an easily identified one for both Native and non-Native readers.

Told in a simple, straightforward style, the author, Mary-Ellen Collura, powerfully captures the anguish and alienation of 15-year-old Jordy Threebears. His character is finely drawn and beautifully fleshed out. His loneliness and apprehension, at being returned to his grandfather on the Ash Creek Reserve, his incomprehension of Native cultural and social attitudes, and his sheer determination to fit in somewhere, even if he has to create his own world, make him an endearing and lovable hero.

The turning point in Jordy's life is his grandfather's gift to him, a horse he names Siksika. With the help of Siksika, and a blind girl named Emily, Jordy is able to find his way out of the bitterness and despair he has lived with so long and to establish his own identity.

All of Ms. Collura's characters are alive, from the taciturn grandfather Joe Speckledhawk to Mr. Campbell, the caring social worker or Erasmus Watermedicine, who thinks all men are one, and the villainous Fred Brady, trapped in his prejudices. They are all familiar characters, but Ms. Collura gives them new freshness and life.

My only criticism of this book is in the characters of Jordy's parents, they are fairy tale people, too good to be true, even if they are dead. Every child trapped into Jordy's situation dreams

of a beautiful mother and a handsome, dashing, heroic father, but in real life this rarely happens and to have it happen in this book, which is so close to life, creates a jarring note.



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ELIJAH: INDIAN HERO

A Modern Day Warrior

STANDING FIRM BEHIND ELIJAH

Dear Alberta Native News:

Chief Ron Ignace of the Skeetchestn Indian Band delivered this speech at a recent meeting in Manitoba:

HONOURED LEADERS, FELLOW CHIEFS, CITIZENS OF THE ABORIGINAL NATIONS OF THIS LAND. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GREETINGS FROM THE SHUSWAP NATION.

First, I would like to give further recognition to the peoples, especially the Native peoples of Manitoba who are looking after the home fires, also, to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, and to the President of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs—Phil Fontaine, to the Vice-Chief of Manitoba, Ovid Mercredi, and most of all to the Honourable Elijah Harper. We are truly inspired by this great man. Even though he speaks as one man, he is speaking for all Aboriginal peoples' sovereign rights and for the democratic rights of minorities and women. And for all other Canadians who believe in Justice and fair play. Elijah Harper, for the first time in a long time, has everyone listening.

When the first French people came to Shuswap Country, even though they were uninvited guests in our homeland, we treated them respectfully because they recognized and respected our supreme authority over our homeland, our laws, customs and language.

One the other hand, when the English leaders came uninvited into our homeland, our house, they were not so friendly. These uninvited guests kicked us out of our house and into the woods—known as reservations, where they fenced us in. This is not just.

Today eleven men are asking Aboriginal people to legitimize this theft of our homelands, to our rightful place in our own home. We cannot do this.

We are not against the ordinary Francophone or Anglophone. We do not blame them for this injustice their governments' impose on us. However, we believe that they have a duty to call upon their leaders to do what is right and just.

We especially call upon the Francophones to call upon their leaders to go back to their proud history which is one of respect and unequivocal recognition of Aboriginal Peoples. This is not a new request on our part. We made this request to the Prime Minister of Canada, Sir Wilfred Laurier, in 1910 upon his visit to Kamloops, B.C. Elijah Harper, I want you to know, we will not be frightened by any threats, we will stand firmly by your side. Because you stand for Aboriginal Justice. We support your call for the non-Aboriginal governments of this country to do what is democratically right and just and recognize the inherent sovereignty of Aboriginal peoples.

"We are truly inspired by this great man. Even though he speaks as one man, he is speaking for all Aboriginal peoples' sovereign rights and for the democratic rights of minorities and women."

—Chief Ron Ignace

Dear Editor:

The Executive and the staff of the Assembly of First Nations extend their thanks to Mr. Elijah Harper and the Chiefs of Manitoba for the strong stand that they took on behalf of all our people. We also thank the Creator for providing you and your colleagues with the strength and wisdom to make it through. You showed the courage and determination that was needed to protect our rights against the wishes of the rich and the powerful, and to show them that as First Nations our legitimate rights cannot be ignored.

As we look forward to the months and the years ahead, and the struggle that must continue, we know that our duty as leaders is not over: the threats to our aboriginal and treaty rights continue to exist, and organized resistance is required. But with the kind of leadership that you and the Manitoba chiefs have demonstrated, we also know that we can continue to count on your support as we move collectively to obtain, once and for all, true recognition of our rights as peoples and as Nations. Megwetch.

"Elijah Harper, I want you to know, we will not be frightened by any threats, we will stand firmly by your side."

You also, in your own way, stand for the rights of minorities and women, for those who believe in justice and fair play. Elijah, you've proved the correctness of the edict. The first shall be last and the last shall be first. You, Elijah Harper are completing the work of Louis Riel a century ago. Once again, Elijah Harper, thank you. Also a big thank you to the Chiefs of Manitoba and to all the people of Manitoba.

From: Chief Ron Ignace
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to Elijah Harper
Our Hero

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Standing Firm Behind Elijah Harper

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Dear Editor:

June 23 1990 will be a date long remembered as a turning point in the history of our relationship with Canada. It will be a time recalled when a citizen of the Swampy Cree Ojibway stood alone in the Legislature of the Province of Manitoba refusing to give his assent to a constitutional amendment that would have altered the historical perspective of Canada. That citizen was none other than Elijah Harper. We thank Elijah for having the strength and the confidence to remain true to the values and principles of our people during this crucial period, when the Canadian public was facing uncertainty in their future as a country. The affirmation of this convictions demonstrate clearly that, despite his involvement in a non-Indian government, his first obligation was to the protection of the original people of this land. He carried out his responsibility with extraordinary dignity and pride. It serves to show us that as individuals we can make a powerful contribution to the evolution of our Nations. The leadership of the First Nations within Ontario will continue to support this action long after the Meech Lake Accord is only a faint memory. Thank you for helping us keep our historic relationship intact.

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A SPECIAL SALUTE TO ELIJAH HARPER

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POW WOW GUIDE



On the Pow Wow Trail

We at the *Alberta Native News* have made an effort to compile a list of pow wows and celebrations happening in and around Alberta this summer. Below are listed the events that have come to our attention. This list is by no means complete but we hope it will be helpful:

July 18 - 22

- Onion Lake Annual Survival Pow Wow - Onion Lake Reserve, Sask/Alberta Border.

July 19 - 22

- Kainai Days Celebration - Standoff, Alberta.
- Yukon Indian Days, Yukon Territory;
- Standing Arrow Pow Wow - Elmo, Montana.

July 20 - 22

- O'Chiese Pow Wow - Rocky Mountain House, Alberta;
- 3rd Annual Pow Wow & Tipi Village - Fort McLeod, Alberta;
- Iron Ring Celebration - Poplar, Montana.
- 10th Annual Skwix Pow Wow - Squilax, B.C.
- Carry the Kettle Pow Wow, Carry the Kettle Reserve, Sask.

July 26 - 29

- Sarcee Nation Annual Rodeo & Pow Wow Bragg Creek, Alberta.
- Kawacatoose Pow Wow, Quinton, Sask.

July 27 - 29

- Bonaparte Crossroads Gathering, Cache

Creek, B.C.;

- Annual Seafair Indian Days - Seattle, Washington.

August 2 - 5

- Rocky Boy Pow Wow, Rocky Boy Reservation, Montana;

August 3 - 5

- Peigan Nation Annual Celebrations - Brocket, Alberta;
- Squamish Nation Youth People Pow Wow - N. Vancouver, B.C.
- Ochapowace 5th Annual Indian Celebrations, Broadview, Sask.

August 4 - 6

- Beaver Lake Multi-Cultural Days, Beaver Lake Reserve, Alberta.

August 10 - 12

- Ermineskin Pow Wow Hobbema, Alberta
- Driftpile Pow Wow Driftpile, Alberta
- Standing Buffalo Pow Wow, Standing Buffalo Reserve, Sask.



August 14 - 16

- Prince Alberta Indian/Metis Friendship Centre 1990 Pow Wow, Prince Albert, Sask.

August 17 - 19

- Kamloops Pow Wow Kamloops, B.C. August 21 - 23
- Beady's and Okemasis 1990 Pow Wow, Duck Lake, Saskatchewan

August 24 - 26

- 1990 Piapot Indian Celebration Pow Wow, Piapot Reserve, Sask.
- Oil Discovery Celebration, Legion Park, Poplar, Montana.
- Kahkewistahaw Pow Wow, Kahkewistahaw Reserve, Broadview, Sask.

August 31 - September 2

- Puyallup Tribe's Annual Pow Wow & Salmon Bake Tacoma, Washington

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DANCES OF THE POW WOW

by Staff Writers



Pow Wow fever has set in for the summer of 1990. The costumes are vivid and colourful with ribbons and fringes swaying with the wind and the beat of the drums.

The modern day pow wow serves to unify Native peoples. It is used as a tool to rebuild Native culture and to reinforce Native identity. It also acts as a bridge to give non-Natives a glimpse of the traditions and culture of their Native neighbours.

Today's pow wows maintain traditions and help define the Native peoples as distinct. They combine the old ways with a new vitality that helps keep hope for the future alive.

The term "pow wow" comes from the Algonquin word "pauwau" which translates roughly as "he dreams." The term is now used to describe any communal celebration held by North American Indians, but originally referred to ceremonies of a religious/spiritual nature. Each pow wow is a little different but central to all are the dance celebrations and competitions.

Competitive pow wow dancing is split into four categories for men and three for women. Very often categories also exist for youth and tots.

• **Fancy Dance:** The Fancy Dance is an energetic, creative dance where the dancer has the freedom to create new moves to interpret the music of the drum beat and chants. For men this can include high kicks and gymnastic moves.

For women it generally includes graceful movements with a shawl and also spinning, kicking and fancy footwork.

• **Traditional Dance:** For women the traditional dances are graceful and slow. They involve very little movement, usually on the spot turns or side to side weight shifts.

Mens' traditional dances are more active,

generally depicting the movements of warriors.

• **Jingle Dance:** The Jingle Dance is a womens' dance where the costume includes shiny cones or some kind of jingling beads. The noise adds a percussion element to the music and the movements are sliding, shuffling and quick side steps.

• **Grass Dance:** The mens' Grass Dance is a very spiritual dance which honours the relationship of the dancer and the earth. The dancers depict the grass blowing in the wind with their movements and costumes.

• **Buckskin Dance:** The Buckskin Dance is regarded as the most prestigious of all. It is reserved for Elders, leaders and men of high prestige and profile in the community. Costumes generally include sacred eagle feathers and headdresses.



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THE BATTLECREEK SING

by Noreen E. Saddleback

All the Natives gather round
to come to hear the sound
Like the warriors of long ago,
The Battle CreeK sing

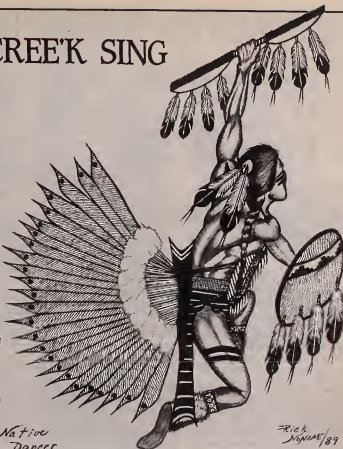
Together we dance all around
we all hear the joyous sound
We all come together as one,
The Battle CreeK sing

We hold hands and we dance
In the firelight we see a lance.
We all come to celebrate
The Battle CreeK sing

We all unite in this circle
Keep it strong this big circle
We are Mother Earth's children
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Far, far away, I still hear
For the memory I shed no tear.
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ASUM MENA WINNERS ANNOUNCED

by Dale Stelter



"ASUM MENA"—Cree for "Once Again"

The winners of the 1990 Asum Mena Alberta Native Art Festival, which gives recognition to outstanding emerging Native artists, have been announced. The Festival will be held in Edmonton from August 3rd through the 31st, at the Front Gallery, which is located at 12302 - Jasper Avenue.

This year's first-place \$5000 scholarship goes to Ann McLean, for her captivating black and white etching entitled "The Offering".

Ms. McLean has been a regular participant in Asum Mena Festivals. Indeed, she was first runner-up in the 1989 event, and was given an honourable mention in 1988. Ann, who is originally from Grande Prairie, has studied Fine Arts at the University of Alberta, majoring in printmaking, and plans to continue into a master's program.

This year's first runner-up is Darlene (Peacock) Morin from Winterburn, who entered a unique zerox installation drawing entitled "Reality vs. Illusion". Darlene has been attending the Visual Arts Program at Grant MacEwan Community College, and was earlier awarded the 1990 Yellowhead Tribal Council Education Program Indian Authors Award for Recognition.

The second runner-up award goes to Ken Swan, for his entry entitled "Casket", which is a detailed pen and ink with colour wash drawing. Ken is scheduled to complete the drawing program at the Alberta College of Art in Calgary in 1992.

The special three-dimensional art award, consisting of \$750 cash, was awarded to Nisha James Wuttunee of Calgary. Nisha's entry is a sculpture entitled "A Night of Vision", and is crafted from bronze casting and wood. Nisha is currently attending the fine arts program at the University of Calgary, and will graduate in 1992.

There were a total of eleven honourable mentions given out this year, and they went to Victor Buffalo, Jacinta Wostenberg, Linus Woods, Todd Kervin, George Kootenay, Marilyn Fraser-King, Farron Calihoo, Lou P. Cole, Patricia Sewell, Rocky Barstad, and Melvyn Benson.

A total of 300 pieces of art were submitted, by 75 artists, for the competition. The jury members were Stan Szykowski from the Edmonton Art Gallery, Alfred Schmidt from the University of Alberta, and Joane Cardinal-Schubert, a noted Native artist from Calgary and a former Assistant Curator of Art at the Nickel Arts Museum.

This year's Festival will also feature works by previous scholarship winners Jane Ash Poitras, Faye Heavyshield, Kim McLain, and Lauren Wuttunee, as well as works by Alex Janvier and Joane Cardinal-Schubert.

The Asum Mena Native Art Festival is co-ordinated by the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society, a non-profit organization which was formed in 1975 and which is dedicated to promoting and developing Alberta Native arts and



"The Offering" by Ann McLean

crafts at home and abroad.

For further information on the Festival, you can contact the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society by phoning (403) 426-2048. The mailing address is #501, 10105 - 109 Street, Edmonton T5J 1M8.

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OLLIE ANDERSON- Profile of an Artist

Ollie Anderson is a Metis artist who, as a child, displayed an extraordinary artistic aptitude, coupled with extreme patience for prolific detail in all media utilized. She is a perfectionist in her craft. The tiniest pinpoint of light and shadow are incorporated into every nook and cranny of each production, inviting the viewer to study, analyze and absorb her mastery.

Ollie has enhanced her natural talent with art courses throughout elementary and high school, graduating from Kelowna Senior Secondary School in 1975. She then attended the basic art course offered by Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton in 1976/77.

As a Metis artist, she is greatly inspired by her link with native history and culture. This is illustrated in her more serious productions, as well as in many of her caricatures and graphics. Her ambition is to promote, through her art, Natives' culture and their untapped talents and skills.

Ollie's artworks range from beautiful, detailed portraits on both paper and circular animal hides (mandalas), to illustrations; caricatures to graphics. Media utilized are: ink, pencil, watercolor, air brush and chalks; though she is constantly experimenting in other media.

Ollie Anderson has just recently been discovered. She is a very private person and has kept her diverse talents to herself. Thus, her art has had very little public exposure. Recently, the need to fulfill new goals and to branch out into more ambitious areas has caused her to seek this exposure. To this end, she has established her own business—Calahoo Trading Inc.

Ollie would like to produce illustrative art for children's literature, specializing in literature about, and geared toward, native children. In addition, she is hoping to have her Native caricatures syndicated for newspaper publication. Many of her serious artworks would enhance art exhibitions and private collections of a national and international nature.

Ollie Anderson can be contacted through her agent Terry Hoover at (403) 939-6719 or (403) 939-6345.



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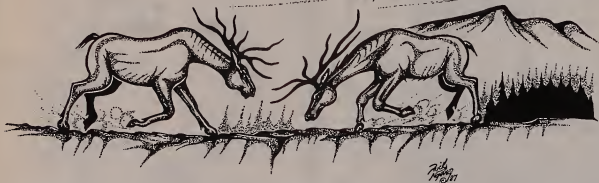
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THE GREAT NORTHERN ARTS FESTIVAL



Inuvik, NWT—Across Canada's Arctic Northern Artists are looking forward with excitement to the opening of the Second Annual Great Northern Arts Festival to be held this summer in Inuvik. Sparkling over a full ten days the Festival will celebrate the beauty and wonder

of the North from July 20-30. The Premier of the Festival in 1989 dazzled visitors from around the world with an exhibit of the work of over 50 well-known and emerging Artists. This year's event promises to surpass that starting showing with an expanded Exhibition and Sale, a special highlight on Jewellery of the North, Storytelling, and a Special Exhibit of the work of Master Artists of the North.

The Great Northern is known as a working Festival because of the array of Demonstrations, Workshops, and Seminars which are held on site daily to the delight of the Artists and the visiting public. Well-known Northern Artists arrive

throughout the event prepared to share their skills and show how they create the masterpieces of Inuit, Metis, and Dene Arts. The thirty year history of the emergence of Northern Arts will see a showing at this year's Festival of some of the true masters of the North.

At this year's Festival a special exhibit on Jewellery will be selected. Beautiful pieces in Bone, Ivory, Metals and Stone will be shown and sold. Organizers hope to have the participation of Alaskan Artisans with their intricate Ivory work. Recognizing the deep influence of Myth and Storytelling in Northern Arts, the Festival will gather Storytellers from across the North to perform the legends told in their artwork.

Festival organizers, Charlene Alexander and Susan Rose, invite the mature and emerging Artists of the North to participate in this year's event and welcome the growing number of inquiries from the visiting public. Contact The Great Northern Arts Festival at PO Box 2921, Inuvik, NWT, X0E 0T0 or by phone at 1-403-979-3536.

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NATIVES PAY HOMAGE TO ST. ANNE

The last week of July marks the 101st anniversary of one of the most spiritual celebrations for Native people in western Canada. More than 10,000 people are expected to take part in the Lac St. Anne pilgrimage in devotion to St. Anne, mother of Mary.

For those not aware of the annual Pilgrimage there is quite a history behind it. In 1889 at the oblate Mission or Lac Ste. Anne (then

called Devil's Lake) several Indians and Metis gathered to pray for rain, as there had been a relentless drought all summer. Their prayers were answered. Rain fell and the drought ended.

Those few Natives made a pact. They would return each year at the same time to honour St. Anne for her benevolence.

Today the site is annually visited by about 10,000 people for the week-long event. In

addition, the legend has taken on a new dimension. Lac Ste. Anne reportedly has sacred, healing waters. And many return to wade in the water to heal crippling ailments.

For many Native people this considered to be the most religious holiday of the year.

They come from as far as the Northwest Territories to take part in 4 days of praying and devotions.



HEYOKA (A Sacred Clown)

—by Joseph A. Dandurand

Share your laughter with Heyoka.

It is good medicine for you,
Show your spirit to the clown,
He knows your sorrow and your pain.

The sacred clown will complete your circle.
Now begin the Dance of Life,
He shall dance and make you well.
Heyoka, a clown for all centuries.

I've seen him dance in my visions,
Now here he is to cure you.
I hope he has what it takes,
You must believe in Heyoka.
He is one who knows the songs
of our ancestors.
Heyoka laughs with pleasure,
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FIRST EVER NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES A SUCCESS

by Brian Savage

North America's first-time Indigenous Games held in Edmonton June 30 to July 8 were a success and an enormous learning experience for all who participated.



"We indeed achieved a lot" declared Charles Wood as he addressed the spectacular closing ceremonies held at the Enoch Reserve.

A highly enthusiastic and appreciative crowd of almost 1,000 people attended the closing ceremonies in the auditorium applauding wildly when the parade of athletes, games officials,

Native entertainers and dancers made their entrance.

Wood added that it is necessary for the young to look at their goals and aims in life and to avoid the dangers of drugs and alcohol and to help ensure that Native culture survives. He said, "We are just beginning to be recognized as a people. Keep your fires burning, my friends, because we have a long way to go. Together, we can make it."

The games provided an opportunity for Native athletes to gather, get to know one another and compete in 13 sports events including softball, lacrosse, boxing, track and field and wrestling. Athletic venues throughout the city of Edmonton were used for athletes to display their skills in each event.

The Indigenous Games were heralded by a symbolic run that started at a sacred site in the Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming and ended at the Opening Ceremonies in Edmonton. Games organizers explained that the run "had been organized in honour of four Indigenous Athletes who have excelled in world class athletic competition and have ultimately provided inspiration to those athletes coming to Edmonton this summer."

These four athletes are: Tom Longboat, a Mohawk Indian from Ontario; Jim Thorpe, a Sac and Fox Indian from Oklahoma; Alwyn Morris, a Mohawk from Kahnawake, Quebec; and Billy Mills, a Sioux Indian from the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Games organizers stressed that "each of these men have exhibited a Spirit that is Strong, Brave and True and they have all instilled pride within the Indigenous People." It was their hope that "each runner of each leg of the marathon could think of these men and their accomplishments as they proudly carry the haton to its final destination in Edmonton."

Rain and Budget took Toll on Games

Phil Mercredi, Public Relations Manager for the Games, explained that it was "because of our tight budget" that the closing ceremonies were moved from the University of Alberta's Buttermere to the Enoch Reserve and made part of the Enoch Pow-Wow.

"Overall, the Games have been successful," declared Mercredi, "though Mother Nature played its role and took its toll on our Games, we still feel we achieved a high percentage of our original goals, and that is working with our young people, helping them to be a success in future games and also to hattle drugs and alcohol abuse."

In reference to the fall from a hotel balcony by a 17-year old competitor believed intoxicated at the time, Mercredi said "We cannot be responsible for the conduct of athletes beyond the games. That is their private lives, and we have no control over that. All we can do is learn from that experience and not sit idly by."

Mercredi blamed the "very tight" budget of the Games for curtailing financial support for the athletes who "were on their own" when it came to accommodation.

"The whole organization and (the) games has been poorly attended by both athletes and, because of the rain, spectators."

Organizers Optimistic for the Future

According to Mercredi, last minute entrants pushed the actual number of athletes past the expected number of 3,000, and made him feel hopeful for the next Indigenous Games expected in another two year's time in Montreal and in four years, the first-ever World Indigenous Games to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. "We're proud to have been involved as the forerunners of the World Indigenous Games, a learning experience for organizers and athletes alike."

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METIS CREDITED WITH INVENTING RED RIVER CART

by Heather Andrews

The Metis people in Manitoba, with ingenuity inherited from their Indian forefathers, and knowledge derived from their European ancestors, have long been recognized as the inventors of the Red River Cart. This versatile vehicle was once a common sight on the prairies.

Originally used following a buffalo hunt to haul the remains of the big animals back to camp, the Red River Cart first appeared in Manitoba, not far from present day Winnipeg. According to Dylan Thomas, adult educator for Red Eagle Resource Consultants, "When pulled by a horse or a pony, as they were in the days of the buffalo hunts, they could pull 500 to 800 pounds, and often travelled 50 miles a day." However, once their use reverted to hauling commercial goods for traders and settlers, oxen were frequently used. "Then they could pull 1000 pounds, although their pace was slowed to 20 to 25 miles a day," Thomas continues.

The carts were constructed entirely of wood. The wheels, which were six feet high to prevent tipping, were not greased as the prairie dust, attracted to the grease, would have braked the progress of the cart. The resulting ear-splitting screech could be heard for miles. Parts were held together by strips of rawhide and wooden pegs. "The carts usually travelled in single file, deep in the ruts which had formed across the prairies," says Thomas. Repairs could be made on the trail from any convenient tree. The versatility of the carts was further proven when it came to crossing rivers and streams—the wheels were simply removed and the box floated across.

Even after the buffalo hunts ceased, the carts continued to be used on the prairies. Popular routes travelled included those south to the Dakotas and St. Paul, Minnesota hauling supplies, food and furs. "Another route saw guides, settlers, inter-



This Red River Cart is being tended by Washee Joe. The carts were a common sight on the prairies in the 1800s.

—Photo obtained from the Provincial Archives of Alberta, Ernest Brown Collection.



preters and trade goods hauled to Fort Edmonton through Fort Carleton, Saskatchewan," continues Thomas. Journals of the day reported

300 to 500 carts per season over this important route, called the Carleton Trail.

A small manufacturing plant, located at White Horse Plains about 10 miles from Fort Garry—Winnipeg today—produced the carts commercially.

These useful vehicles were in use on the Canadian prairies for about 100 years, with their height of popularity around 1845. By 1880, however, they were being replaced by the steam boat and the railway.

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over and be interested in attending university. Along with the daily sessions throughout the week, students will also be informed on pre-admission requirements, housing, daycare facilities, how to take advantage of all the campus libraries and how to complete admission procedures and registration.

The cost of the one week orientation is \$150.00. Accommodations are available on campus for those who are coming in from out of town at \$57.75/shared and \$84.00 single, for five days. Students who are unable to pay for the registration cost can apply for a special bursary.

For more information on NASU '90 call: Lyle Donald at 492-5677, or Shawna Cunningham at 492-1990.

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The Hire-A-Student program has been instrumental in helping a young woman find not only a summer job but her roots as well. The woman's name is Kelly Brown, and she is a client of the Enhanced Services department at Hire-A-Student.

skills and her sensitivity to Native cultural issues to research and document the rights of adopted Native children in Alberta. She also acts as a liaison between the Society and the Native community in Edmonton.

What makes this story such a success is

that Kelly is a Native Canadian who had been adopted by a non-Native family at a very young age. Through her own research, Kelly has become re-instated as a Status Indian and has become knowledgeable about the rights and privileges derived from her status. Naturally Kelly is a welcome addition to the Families of Native Children Society.

Not only did the Society gain a valuable employee, but Kelly is truly enjoying this opportunity to learn about the Native community in Edmonton. She credits the Hire-A-Student staff with offering her much needed support at a time when she was very discouraged. "The staff at the Hire-A-Student office were helpful in many aspects of my job search. They offered counsel, suggestions, assistance in preparing a resume, and encouragement not to give up". About her challenging summer position, Kelly says: Working as a Special Projects Researcher will enable me to practice valuable research techniques throughout the summer. This position will complement my University education, personal experience, and personal interest. I am very satisfied and pleased with my present summer employment...Thanks to Hire-A-Student."



Kelly recently moved to Edmonton from her former home of Fredericton, New Brunswick, hoping to be accepted into the University of Alberta where she would complete her B.A. in Psychology/Sociology and go on to Law School. Like many students, Kelly desperately needed a summer job. She says, "It was very difficult to find a job, as I was considered a stranger and a student with little experience, offering long-distance references". After almost 3 weeks of frustrating job seeking, Kelly's search brought her to Hire-A-Student's Enhanced Services department.

With the help of Enhanced Services Officer Brenda Bird, Kelly landed a job as a Special Projects Researcher for the Families of Native Children Society. Kelly is now using her

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